

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Reassuring

PRESIDENT Eisenhower's budget message to Congress comes as a heartening assurance that the Administration will do as much for the welfare of the free world—and particularly many under-developed nations in the Far and Middle-East—as for its own citizens in 1954-55. There are many examples of this in Mr. Eisenhower's speech. One or two which deserve mention are his plans to allow the transfer of flammable material to friendly nations to assist them in peace-time atomic power development and, to come nearer our own shores, the hope he has given the Malayan rubber and tin industries by limiting American production of synthetic rubber to 600,000 tons a year and ending tin stockpiling. Both these proposals will be welcomed as an example of American concern for the smaller nations. In Singapore, commercial interests see prospects of higher exports of natural rubber to the US this year and processing of larger supplies of tin from Indonesia and Thailand as a result of the closing of the Texas Tin Smelting Works. This will mean increased employment in Malaya and will probably give a boost to prices.

THE President's proposal to reduce the tax burden on money earned abroad should encourage American investors to put more capital to work abroad and "transfer to private investment a substantial part of the burden of foreign aid which has averaged more than \$5,000 million a year since 1948." Though this was undoubtedly the result of persistent lobbying in Washington by companies feeling the pinch of double taxation on their earnings abroad, this plan, insofar as it encourages US capital investment abroad, will be welcomed all over the Free World. For as Mr. Patrick Maitland M.P. said recently: "the elected Governments of many Asian countries cannot afford to be indifferent to the margin of people who are condemned to premature death below the subsistence level. In these countries, development is a 'must' from the other Commonwealth countries. They need capital urgently." It is not impossible, therefore, that this year will see many American manufacturers seeking new outlets for trade.

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Western Ministers In Berlin

SECURITY MEASURES

Berlin, Jan. 22. Allied authorities and West German police imposed special security precautions on West Berlin tonight for the three Western Foreign Ministers who arrived today.

British, American and French security patrols ringed off the residences of their Ministers. Special German detective squads were detailed to watch for known criminals and political undesirables.

A special watch was also kept along the boundary between the Eastern and Western sectors which zig zags through the city's streets.

Military and civilian police combined forces tonight to provide special escorts for the Ministers when they each went to the City Hall to pay calls on West Berlin Mayor Walter Schreiber.

The American Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, was the first of the Ministers to arrive.

He came by air from Washington in President Eisenhower's personal plane, the Columbine. As soon as he arrived at the Tempelhof airport, he made the Western attitude at the conference table clear by calling for free Western-type elections for all Germany—something the Russians have always opposed.

"If the four-power meeting here can agree to give this right to the people of Germany, then the whole world will take new hope," he declared.

Five Patton tanks fired a 10-gun salute from the edge of the airfield as the Secretary of State's plane skimmed in over the Berlin roof tops to land.

A 60-piece band played "Roses of Picardy" as Mr. Dulles inspected the guard of honour wearing chromium-plated steel helmets.

This evening, the pipes of the killer Royal Ulster Fusiliers shrilled out through the twilight of the airport as Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, arrived from London in a BEA turbo-jet airliner.

The first orders to the guard of honour were drowned by the walling scream of the four turbines of the machine.

FITTING VENUE
Mr. Eden made only a short statement. "It is fitting that this meeting to discuss the future of Germany—and I hope reach agreement about it—should be held here," he said before leaving London.

Mr. Eden had reiterated the Western call for free elections saying: "We hope that through free elections a free All-German Government will be set up because it is only with such a Government that a peace treaty can finally be concluded."

Mr. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, would make no public statement when he arrived by train at the Tegel station, in the French sector, but told

officials that he hoped the conference would help to relax international tension.

Each of the Ministers was driven in a convoy flanked by motor cycle outriders to the Berlin residences of their respective High Commissioners.

Mr. Eden is staying in the former villa of a Jewish businessman, which was requisitioned by the Nazis and subsequently taken over by the British occupation forces. It is in the western suburb of Grunewald and set in English-type gardens.

Mr. Eden returned there after calling on the Mayor and had dinner with senior officers of his 33-man staff and the British High Commissioner in Germany, Sir Frederick Hoyer Millar.

Mr. Bidault, living in the newly-built French residence in the Waldmannslust, a northern suburb, gave a dinner party for 22 of the senior French officials. Madame Bidault decorated his table with flowers from the large greenhouses on the grounds.

The French residence, with its colonnaded portico, is set behind a large screen of trees and curious crowds of Berliners, who gathered outside despite the police, saw only glimpses of light from the curtained rooms.

FIRST CONTACTS
Mr. Dulles also returned to his residence after visiting the City Hall. His home is a 15-roomed mansion once owned by a Nazi chemical firm executive. He had dinner with Dr. James Conant, the United States High Commissioner in Germany, and other senior American officials.

Technical experts on all three delegations made their first contacts with each other during the evening, but the three Ministers will have their first meeting together on Saturday.

Then they will plan out their tactics for the conference with Russian Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov, whose time of arrival here is still being kept secret by the Russians.—Reuter.

Spain Gets Two Notes Of Protest

GIBRALTAR AND MOROCCO

Madrid, Jan. 22.

Both Britain and France delivered protests to Spain today, authoritative sources revealed.

Britain's protest concerned Gibraltar and France's referred to Morocco.

The sources said Ralph Murray, Counselor of the British Embassy, called at the Foreign Office and delivered to the Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Emilio Navaques, a protest against the stoning of the British Embassy in Madrid and the British Consulates at Sevilla and Granada by Spanish students shouting "Gibraltar is ours."

The French Ambassador, Jacques Meyrier, was also received by the Under-Secretary and expressed France's special grievance, the sources said, at the bitter words the Spanish Valino, directed against France yesterday in a speech before Spanish Moroccans who demanded temporary secession from French Morocco.

It was also learned that the Spanish government is preparing an official announcement on the Moroccan crisis, to be issued shortly.

Senor Garcia Valino is expected to bring to Madrid within the next few days a declaration made yesterday at Tetuan by religious and tribal leaders of Spanish Morocco.

The declaration asks Spain to permit the Spanish Moroccans to separate their zone from French Morocco unless France changes its policies there, and to grant the Spanish Moroccan Caliph the powers now vested in the French-sponsored Sultan, whom they refuse to recognize.

Senor Garcia Valino meanwhile wired General Franco from Tetuan that yesterday's demonstration "constituted the most authentic sentiment of the Moroccan people in such grave hours of history."—United Press.

8 MONTHS FOR SMUGGLER

Tokyo, Jan. 22.

The Yokohama District Court today sentenced to eight months imprisonment 51-year-old Shinjo Kuan Sha, a Chinese crew member of the 2,500-ton Panamanian ship, Eastern Trader, on a charge of smuggling and evasion of taxes.

The prosecution said he had smuggled more than 1,000 wrist watches and 473 jewels and evaded tax of more than 1,500,000 yen.—Reuter.

Car Park Closed

In connection with the removal of water mains on Garden Road, the work has now reached the entrance to the car park at the Peak Tram station. The Waterworks section of the PWD intend laying the mains across the entrance to this car park today or tomorrow, and the park will be closed till the work has been done.

Washington's 6ins Of Snow

Chicago, Jan. 22. A winter storm raked the East Coast today and blanketed the Washington, DC, area with six inches of snow before moving out to the sea. But a trend to warmer was felt in the country's mid-section, where a bitter cold wave had plunged temperatures to 40 below zero in the North.

A threat of heavy snow in the New York City area failed to develop. Weathermen at Washington said the storm centre, causing snow and sleet along the Middle Atlantic seaboard, reached the South Carolina coast at 5 p.m. and would move north-eastward out to sea tonight.

Strong northerly winds were expected to drive temperatures down to about 18 by tomorrow morning.—United Press.

Will Churchill Retire After May?

Birmingham, Jan. 22.

A Conservative Member of Parliament, Mr. Cyril Osborne, said tonight that many politicians believed that the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, would retire when Queen Elizabeth returns from her world Commonwealth tour next May.

"Sir Winston Churchill's retirement date has been much discussed in Westminster this week," Mr. Osborne, one of Sir Winston's own backbenchers in the House of Commons, said in a speech.

"Nobody knows when it will come, but many think it will be when the Queen comes home."

Mr. Osborne referred to increasing speculation in Parliament as to when Sir Winston will step down, even though he appeared in top form when Parliament re-assembled this week after the long Christmas recess.

Tonight the 79-year-old Prime Minister was driving down to his country home of Chartwell, in the Kent Hill, for the weekend.

WOOLTON & MONCKTON
Mr. Osborne said "it is feared" that Lord Woolton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister of Materials, and the Labour Minister, Sir Walter Monckton, would retire at the same time.

Lord Woolton, 70, overcame a serious illness last year to come back and take over the Ministry of Materials and scrap the last of the Socialist controls on the buying and selling of raw materials. The process is almost complete.

Sir Walter Monckton, 63, has been a very successful Minister of Labour and, even though a Conservative, is popular with the trade union leaders. It was he who averted a Christmas railway strikes in Britain. However, his doctors have ordered him to take it easy. "All three are liberal-minded men who have attracted to the Conservative government much of its national appeal," said Mr. Osborne.—United Press.

TODAY'S RACING SELECTIONS

By "Rapier"

RACE 1

Diamond Dahlia
Forward View
Ben Macdhuil
Outsider:—Perfectibility.

RACE 2

Diamond Queen
Air Power
Vagabond King
Outsider:—Easy Slam.

RACE 3

Pay Day
American Carrot
Rowanlea
Outsider:—Lawrence.

RACE 4

United Fortune
Knock-Again
Manx Penny
Outsider:—Cirrus.

RACE 5

Flying Dutchman
Huntington
Tune-Phone
Outsider:—Santa Claus.

RACE 6

Bengal Lancer
Barometer
A Great Citizen
Outsider:—King A.

RACE 7

Firefly
Fire-Glo
Johnner
Outsider:—Straight Forward.

RACE 8

Gordon Bleu
Fenchurch
New Jersey
Outsider:—Our Pride.

RACE 9

Flaming Wheel
Royal Command
Fighting Spirit
Outsider:—High Straight.

RACE 10

Solar Knight
Beautiful Star
Fida
Outsider:—Fleeting Moment.

By "The Turf"

RACE 1

Diamond Dahlia
Perfectibility
Harmony
Outsider:—Phoenix.

RACE 2

Marine Charger
Diamond Queen
Easy Slam
Outsider:—Air Power.

RACE 3

Caesar
Mustang
Lawrence
Outsider:—Outsider.

RACE 4

Knock-Again
Cirrus
United Fortune
Outsider:—Tell-Me-More.

RACE 5

Flying Dutchman
Lady Gloucester
Bright Bay
Outsider:—Santa Claus.

RACE 6

Glenshiel
A Great Citizen
King A.
Outsider:—Barometer.

RACE 7

Fire-Glo
Firefly
Gold Cup
Outsider:—Clonfeckle.

RACE 8

Fenchurch
Gordon Bleu
New Jersey
Outsider:—Eagle King.

RACE 9

Royal Command
Flaming Wheel
Great Conqueror
Outsider:—Rose Emme.

RACE 10

Fida
Fleeting Moment
Solar Knight
Outsider:—Manxman.

No Decision Yet On POWs

Washington, Jan. 22.

Until the Communists reveal their intention on the subject of the Allied soldiers who refused to be repatriated, no decision will be announced concerning the 21 recalcitrant American prisoners. It was learned in well-informed circles here today.

These circles indicated, however, that liberation certificates have been made out for the 21 American soldiers and are drafted in terms indicating liberation in conditions other than honourable.

If the Communists were to force the American prisoners to go under American military control each individual case would be examined separately by the American military authorities, added these circles. Meanwhile, the soldiers in question are still considered as undesirable.—France-Press.

British MPs Anxious

London, Jan. 22.

Sir Winston Churchill faces a renewed "revolt" in a section of his Conservative supporters in Parliament following outbreaks of violence against British soldiers in Egypt.

About 40 Conservative members of the House of Commons, who recently put forward a hostile motion—never debated—on the Government's policy towards Egypt, have been angered by the murder of three Britons in the Suez Canal zone within the past few days.

One of the members of the group told a Royal Empire Society meeting here tonight: "No one can think it right or even useful to continue negotiations with an Egyptian Government which cannot or will not prevent terrorism in the Canal zone."

Not only the "rebel" Conservatives but all members of Parliament on both sides of the House are disturbed by the murder of the soldiers.—Reuter.

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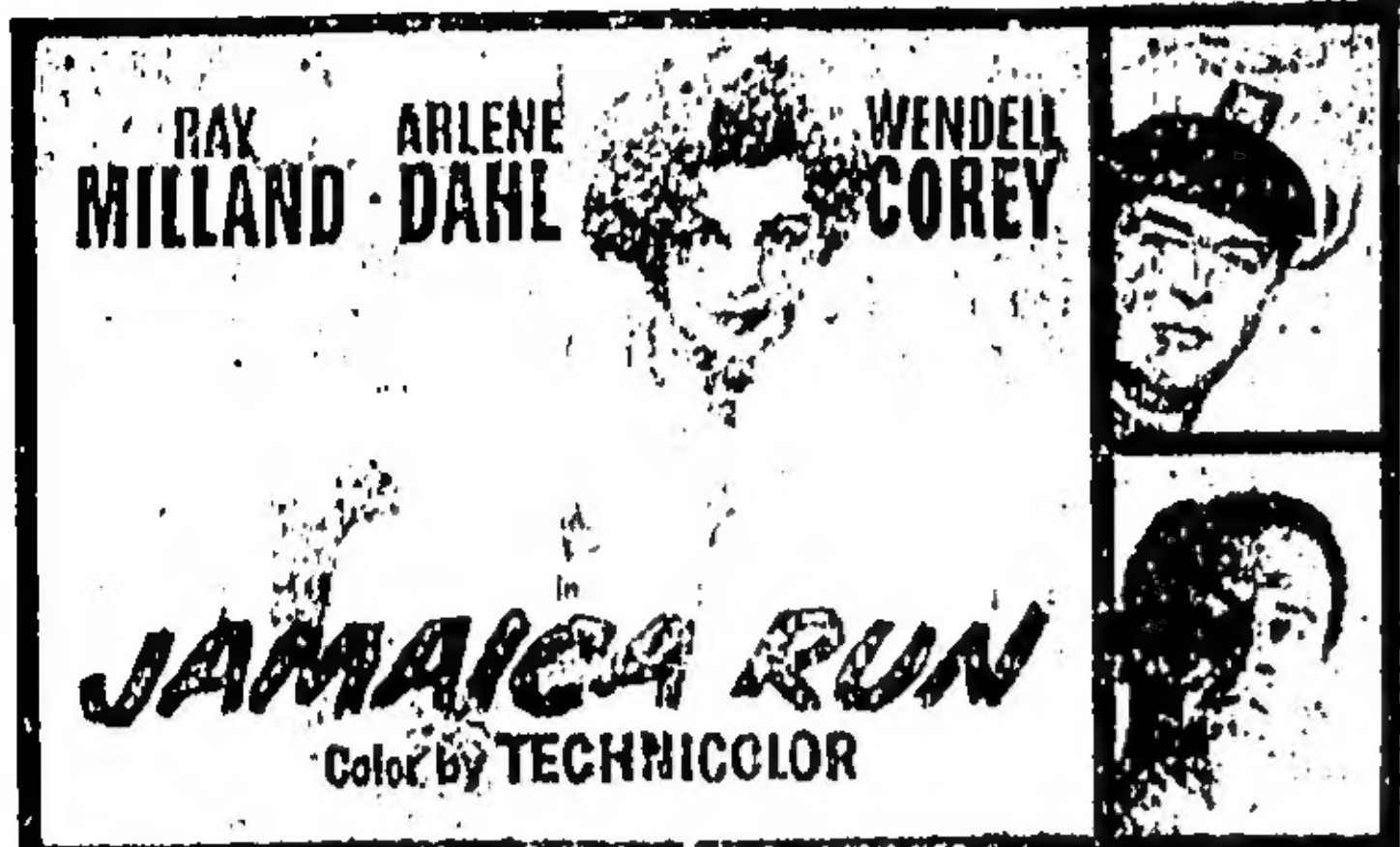
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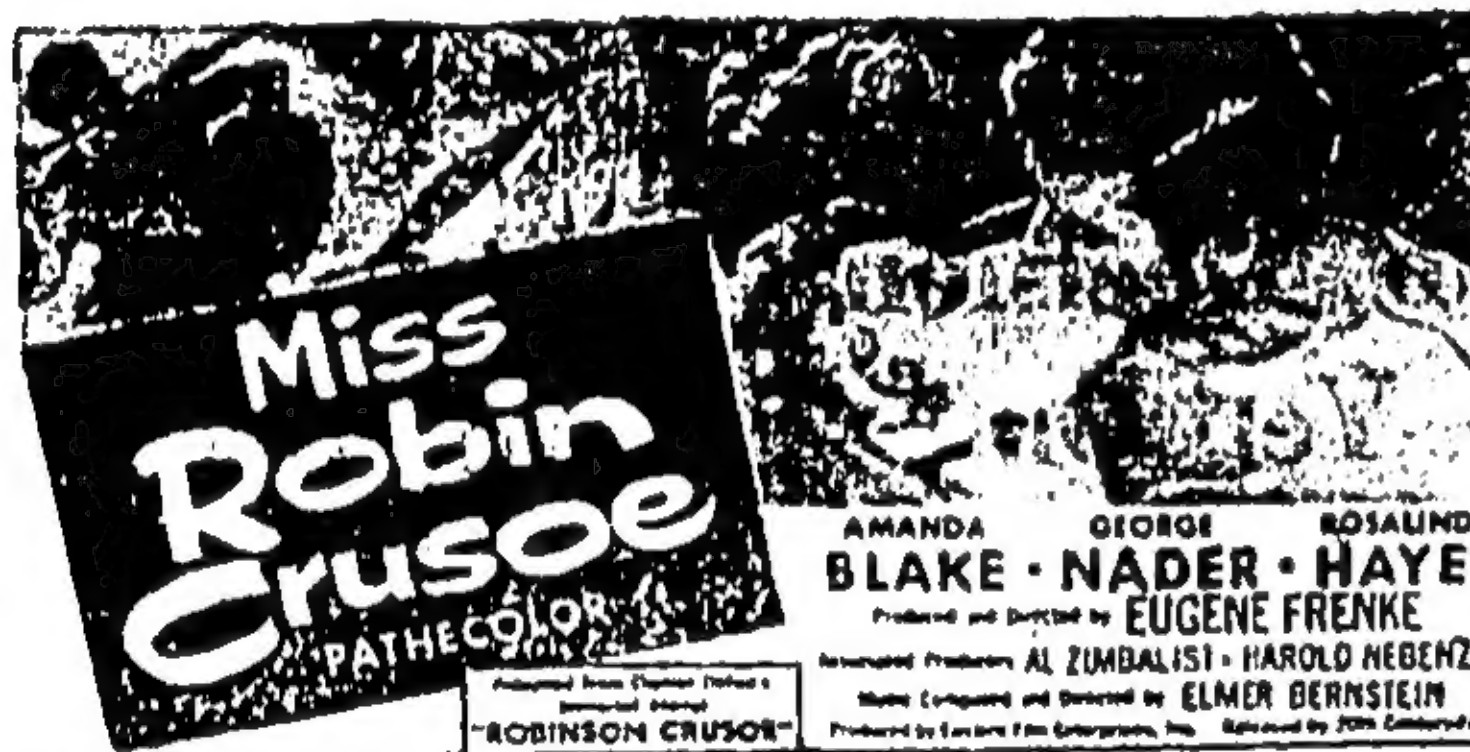
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FILMS—CURRENT AND COMING

By MARGARET BRUCE

During the week, on Wednesday, Gala performances were held of "CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY" in aid of St. James' Settlement, Wanchai. His Excellency The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, and Lady Grantham were present at the KING'S Theatre, while His Excellency Sir Terence Airey, Commander British Forces, and Lady Airey went to the PRINCESS.

"CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY" reveals the background to perhaps the greatest of the problems facing South Africa today. One of the most controversial subjects in the world, it is almost impossible to contain in a celluloid reel the complete story and the implications of the racial question, and this film, based on the beautifully written and moving novel of the same name, cries out for an understanding, sympathy and action so that a solution can be found and the Black and White men live amicably together for their mutual benefit.

As such it deserves every consideration. But to present it as an entertainment in its unrelieved gloom and heaviness can do little but depress.

In order to have authenticity it is necessary to have native actors, but (including the well-known American coloured actor Canada Lee) how they slacken the pace and impede the action.

There is one exception to this—a native player in the role of Father Thomas whose personality alone makes him a success and who will, I hope, be used in future productions.

The sepia and white photography is of a remarkably high standard, and through this medium, a vivid and true picture of the countryside is achieved. The tenuous speaking voices of the natives are also a success.

At the week-end the KING'S PRINCESS, joined by the EMPIRE, show a technicolour thriller taken from the Saturday Evening Post story, JAMAICA RUN. But it would equally well have been read with relish in "Chums" or "Boys Own".

Anyone who likes a good adventure story, with a bit of a mystery, a great deal of action, romance and weird voodoo rites will find this movie a highly exciting relaxation.

Set against the lush tropical background of a West Indian island in the "Spanish Main," the story is of violence and intrigue as two opposing factions battle for control of a huge sugar plantation.

It is nice to be able to see that the right side will win in the end, though it does seem that by the time the old family servant has burnt the house to the ground when he thought the wrongs would get it, and the plantation has been mismanaged for at least two generations, there was little left to dispute.

This lavish production doesn't give Ray Milland the sort of acting opportunities he has become used to but I have always been inclined more to admire his looks than his histrionics, and can feel placid in this loss.

He gives a convincing charm to the part of the dashing sea captain with a penchant for Arlene Dahl (after all, he has eyes) and deep sea diving. The latter is difficult to understand but provides one of the most thrilling scenes in the film, in which he has an underwater knife battle for the sunken chest so vital to the plot.

Miss Dahl looks entrancing throughout and it is all the greater fun.

It will eventually give way to a film which will very likely appeal to the basketball enthusiasts in this colony—particularly as it stars the HARLEM GLOBE TROTTERS, who visited us fairly recently. However, it is not for me—I have no qualifications or even inclinations to review GO, MAN, GO although I have heard that it is very funny.

"PARIS, PARIS," after a run that was far longer than it deserved, has been superseded at the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA by "SO BIG" which, this Edna Ferber saga of a woman's struggle with her husband, their land and her son, I wrote on the subject last week, but repeat that it is a fine and beautifully acted story which should have great appeal for those who enjoy a good drama.

CAGNEY WAS RIGHT
James Cagney's latest film for Warner Bros will be the next change at both these cinemas. I have been led to believe, Publicity claims that on reading the book "A LION IN THE STREETS" five years ago, Mr. Cagney immediately felt urged that this was a part tailored for him—one which he could understand and bring to life.

It must be admitted that he does just that. The description of the character alone—a "short, violent man with hairy fists" suits the Cagney appearance and screen temperament to a T—not that I could swear to the exact extent to which his hands are hirsute.

Mr. Cagney, as Hank Martin, is a self-explosive, ambitious and hateful pedlar who sells his wares in the backhills and marshes of a cotton growing state.

He marries a school teacher, a part played by Barbara Hale, who educates him and then has to watch his ruthless rise to political power, endure his affairs with Flamingo, the girl from the swamp who admires and encourages his wickedness, and is forsaken for the chance to lead a crooked mob.

Ann Francis, as Flamingo, is a former New York photographer's model and she does wonders with a pair of lustrous blue jeans, skin tight of course, and a man's shirt.

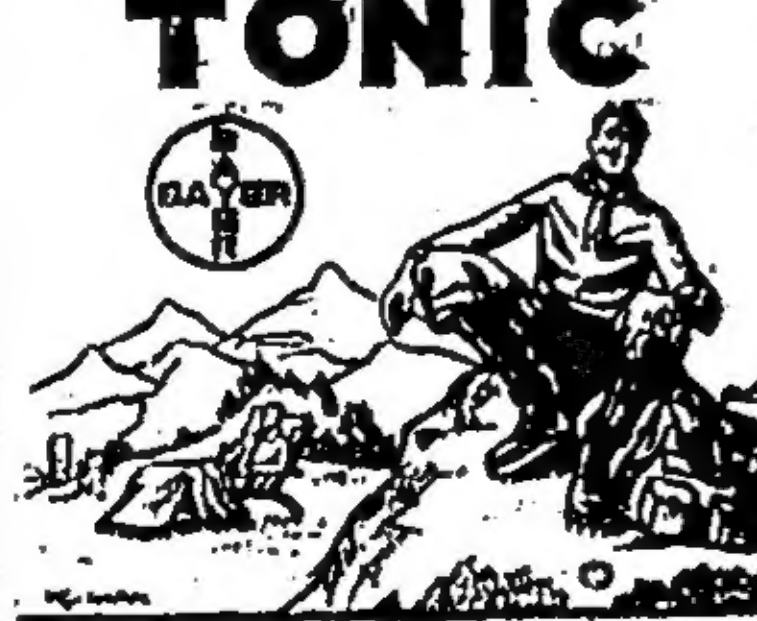
Her intrinsic glamour is used only to stress the beastliness at the back of this story. When it is advertised as a strong and powerful story, this is an understatement—the perfection of Mr. Cagney's acting and the force of the man are, in themselves, impressive and disturbing.

MOTOR CYCLES STAR

"CODE TWO," the second feature film, is showing at the CAPITOL and LIBERTY is a story of the Los Angeles mechanized police force. Enough of the basic police training is shown to give the whole thing a semi-documentary flavour; but there is enough rip-roaring action to please the most restless moviegoer.

Ralph Meeker is rather too convincing as a swollen-headed and arrogant Alce recruit, but Elaine Stewart gives evidence of some of the great promises made her. There is certainly nothing new in the plot but the treatment is entertaining.

Bayer's TONIC



All Dumas fans who have thrilled to "The Three Musketeers" will be interested in the French film, "The Three Musketeers," which is showing at the ROXY and BROADWAY. "MILADY and THE MUSKETEERS" starring Yvette Lebon and Rossano Brazzi, is the story of Lady de Winter leading up to the well-known adventure with the three Musketeers and passing through and beyond it to her death.

She begins by stealing an emerald cross from the convent where she has been living, before running away with a young officer and continuing her life of adventure. The film is a very much in the vein of "The Three Musketeers."

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CIRCUS BUSCH MARTIN



The American actress, Ruth Gordon, has written the story of her childhood in a New England town at the turn of the Century. She is portrayed in a wholly endearing manner in this film by Miss Simmons.

The finest performances come from the motor cycles. Even MGM, the distributors, refuse to commit themselves too definitely on the subject, but I think that it is reasonably safe to assume that "THE ACTRESS," with Joan Simmons, Spencer Tracy and Teresa Wright will be on next week's "CODE TWO."

I regretted that an English actress had, once more, to be turned into an American when Hollywood is full of the real thing but, other than that, this sequel to personal opinion, it has been remarkably well done in this particular instance.

It is nice to think that Miss Simmons, who improves with every film she is in, is still able to remark that she learned a lot from Spencer Tracy during the making of "THE ACTRESS."

And what a polished example he sets. He intersperses laughs with tears with a master's ease in this beautifully balanced role of the grumbling, but doling, breadwinner who dreams of leaving and losing, of his venturesome, seafaring youth.

Teresa Wright is charming as the mother of, not so much an actress, but a stage-struck girl, and who privately applauds her ambition and determination. A delightful family you should get to know and will love at once. They talk a lot, but it's witty talk and they'll make you laugh more than they make you cry.

EASY TO LOVE

I think it is safe to say that the CAPITOL and LIBERTY have a treat in store for their patrons for Chinese New Year. This takes the form literally, of the shapely Esther Williams in her spectacular new musical "EASY TO LOVE," filmed against the water playgrounds of Florida.

In technicolour, as is usual, Miss Williams' co-stars in this picture are Van Johnson and Tony Martin. She is very popular locally, I believe, and I heartily agree. It is not often that one finds a combination of so much glamour and talent.

ESCAPES COOKING

THE ROXY and BROADWAY and the CAPITOL present "MISS ROBIN CRUSOE," which purports to be an adaptation of Daniel Defoe's Robinson Crusoe. Any similarity escaped me completely. In fact the only likeness even to a pantomime of the same name (also, presumably, adapted from Daniel Defoe's book) lies in the fact that ROBIN CRUSOE is played by a girl.

A remarkably competent young girl she is. Shipwrecked on a tropical island, she struggles constantly with wild animals, storms, the too-impossible engineering feat of building a tree house and the rescue of a companion (and Girl Friday) from the very jaws of cannibals who are already dribbling in anticipation of a flavoursome morsel.

However, her equilibrium is all of an upset when "pin-up" boy, George Nader, appears. You won't be surprised to hear that a freight turns up on the horizon just in time to rescue them from some nasty, cross natives who want to cook them. To anyone who feels like a trip into fantasy, adorned with a riot of colourful flora and fauna and no brain work—Miss Amanda Blake will escort you for an hour or two to a tropical paradise that could prove a nightmare.

The remarkable tenacity for life shown by the hero in a film has never failed to surprise and delight me!

Life is rescued by Miss Dahl, daughter of the ruler of a hidden city. After a short spell in the hills he is returned to his outpost where his C.O. quite rightly refuses to believe his story. So there's not much left to him but to return to Miss Dahl, his mystery being why he left in the first place.

Popular music lovers may like to know that the noted song-writers, Sammy Cahn and Sammy Fain, have written nine original tunes for the musical "THREE SAILORS AND A GIRL," which is coming to the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA soon—probably over Chinese New Year. And it's something to have new tunes, these days, I think you'll agree. The stars of the show are Gene Fowler and Gretchen MacFarlane. Miss Dahl, the heroine, is also very much in the film.

It is after this that she marries first, the Count de la Fere (afterwards Athos) and later, as a spy for Cardinal Richelieu, Lord de Winter. You are familiar with her just end at the hands of the Musketeers. This is a story that never pallid and the new angle of telling it gives it an added piquancy.

I think it is a mistake to dub American voices which do not match the lip movements; to some this will prove a help, to me a hindrance.

TALL STORY

The LEE and GEAT WORLD may still be showing "TAKE ME TO TOWN," starring Ann Sheridan and Sterling Hayden. This is the tall story of Miss Vernell O'Toole and the fun she had in a logging town.

She pinches the sheriff, takes a chance on the gambler and saves the person from himself. She also walks off with the town's most eligible widower in the face of stern opposition.

Ann Sheridan brings a sense of humour to a part that provides ample opportunity for it. The whole picture has a remarkably pleasant atmosphere about it and you should find it pleasant entertainment.

"PORT SINISTER," the next change at the LEE and GEAT WORLD, is a different kettle of fish altogether—and I use the expression advisedly—if a mating-cry can be classified as fish. Starring James Warren, Lynne Roberts and Paul Cavanagh, it is far from being a new film, but for sheer horror-value is right up to date.

It starts with a popular sport, a treasure hunt. But before we're through an island (ex-home of 17th Century pirates) rises from the sea, a hell-broth of steaming bog, quicksands, red hot boulders, flaming torrents of lava—and crabs. Crabs, CRABS. You get the idea? Not a film for the faint hearted, like me, but plenty of action leading to mounds of pirate treasure.

Afterwards I have news that will delight teen-age hearts. Tony Curtis will appear in "FORBIDDEN." If I had my way he would be, but that is neither here nor there. Whether the film is good or bad, it will run.

In point of fact, it is very surprising. For the first time the Curtis torso is kept draped, and he is called upon for a little characterisation. This proves a great strain.

However, the situations in which he finds himself are thrilling enough—hired by a Chicago racketeer to find and return a gangster's widow, he arrives in Hollywood's idea of the ominous, pulsating centre of Eastern evil and mystery. To you and I dear, sleepy Macao!

He finds that she is a club-owner's moll, and when they meet and their old love is rekindled many awkward developments evolve. Nor does the ending seem to me to solve anything. Perhaps the script-writers grew tired of the whole thing and decided to ring down the curtain. It's understandable.

Joanne Dru is the female lead, a part which she plays with glamour and ability but too much natural refinement. Mr. Curtis is, however, well cast.

Over Chinese New Year "DESERVING LEGION," starring Alan Ladd and Arlene Dahl, is to be the attraction at the LEE and GREAT WORLD. I'll tell you more details next week when I have room for it. Let it suffice for the moment that Mr. Ladd is the only survivor of a French Legion patrol ambushed by an Algerian desert raider.

The remarkable tenacity for life shown by the hero in a film has never failed to surprise and delight me!

Life is rescued by Miss Dahl, daughter of the ruler of a hidden city. After a short spell in the hills he is returned to his outpost where his C.O. quite rightly refuses to believe his story. So there's not much left to him but to return to Miss Dahl, his mystery being why he left in the first place.

Popular music lovers may like to know that the noted song-writers, Sammy Cahn and Sammy Fain, have written nine original tunes for the musical "THREE SAILORS AND A GIRL," which is coming to the QUEEN'S and ALHAMBRA soon—probably over Chinese New Year. And it's something to have new tunes, these days, I think you'll agree. The stars of the show are Gene Fowler and Gretchen MacFarlane. Miss Dahl, the heroine, is also very much in the film.

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Have you heard of the mice that got combat fatigue—just like soldiers exhausted from too much fighting? Or of the young chimpanzee whose mother was so strict that he never learned to get along in the world by himself? Or of the cats who learned to drown their sorrows with a few drinks of alcohol?

These animals exist—and they play an important part in psychological research on our habits, emotions, thinking processes, and even such social behaviour as work and play.

Quadruplegic Becomes A Pilot

Richmond, Va. — Sergio Gregorio, 20, rode a chain hoist into the cockpit of a single-engine plane, crooked his twisted right hand over a special lever and started the motor.

Although paralysed from waist down, unable to use his feet and having only feeble strength in his beamed hands, the former Marine grinned happily as he took off alone.

Gregorio, a wheel-chair patient of the McGuire Veterans Hospital here and believed to be the first quadruplegic to obtain a pilot's license, had been making solo flights since last Tuesday.

Unable to get a plane reservation home for Thanksgiving, Gregorio is spending most of the holiday weekend flying.

The heavy set, darkly handsome man cannot even dress himself and has to be lifted in and out of cars to be driven to Tullam airport on the outskirts of Richmond where he has been taking flying lessons.

He is pushed in a wheel chair to the single engine plane and friends place him in a sling, which is attached to the chain hoist with which friends lift him into the pilot's seat.

Once he had made his hands fast to the special controls which give him full control of ailerons, rudder, throttle and brake, Gregorio is as confident as any aviator making his first solo flights.

"Whenever somebody told me I couldn't do something I tried to prove I could," he said. "Flying is something I have wanted to do ever since I was a kid."—United Press.

Budapest Has Water Shortage

Budapest. — The Hungarian Government admitted now that there is trouble in the water supply of the capital for the time being.

An official communiqué put the blame on the extraordinary low level of the Danube. It promised "quick and effective measures" but requested economy in the use of water.

People living on the fifth floor or higher have the minimum quantity of water for several weeks.—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Take the mice for example. For months they trained them to fight—and then saw to it that they were beaten every time they did fight. After two weeks of defeat, the mice suddenly became very nervous, irritable and panicky. More important, they could not be taught to fight again, even after they had apparently regained normal calmness.

Now this is almost exactly what happens to soldiers who suffer from so-called "combat-fatigue", an emotional disorder caused by prolonged exposure to battlefield tensions and stresses. Often such soldiers lapse into a kind of nervous breakdown, that continues into civilian life. The symptoms are difficult to treat, and puzzling.

By close study of the mice, scientists discovered that the animals were caught in a vicious circle of emotions whereby even their sensible attempts to escape in order to avoid fighting resulted in panic. This, in turn, caused more escape attempts, and more fear—and so the circle went. The researchers believe that a similar "vicious cycle" may occur in combat-fatigued soldiers.

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NOTHING CONCLUSIVE

They found that some chimpanzee mothers left their babies free to explore their surroundings by themselves, and to play with other age-normal adult chimpanzees. But other mothers insisted on supervising every detail of their children's lives—and these chimpanzees grew up into strangely timid, uncertain creatures who could not even find food for themselves.

Of course, the scientists realise that chimpanzees are not humans and that the animal results prove nothing conclusive about men. But the experiments were a valuable first step towards the better planning of observations on human families.

In another important experiment, a team of French scientists trained cats to obtain food by running through a maze. Then they frightened the cats by shooting a mild air current at them as they turned the last corner before reaching the food. After that, the animals refused

to advance beyond that corner—even after the air current had been turned off, and even when they were very hungry.

But a week or so later, the cats were given milk mixed with some alcohol, and, seemingly fortified by this, the animals marched through the maze without fear. This was the first good clue that alcohol—in animals, and perhaps in humans—may have some selective effect on the brain areas involved in memory.

THE GIRAFFE

One team of heart specialists is studying the giraffe. They want to find out how its heart can pump blood all the way up that long neck. They hope to gain knowledge that may prove useful in learning more about high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries in humans.

Another group is studying whales—to learn how heart movements are affected by the presence of large internal deposits of fat, so characteristic of this animal. Another marine creature, the lovely squid, has proved invaluable to neurologists because its nervous system consists of one giant nerve cell, providing an ideal laboratory for the study of nerve impulses and their transmission.

Often these researches directly benefit the animals themselves. For example, Swedish investigators discovered not long ago that dogs can suffer backache because of their nervous system consists of one giant nerve cell, providing an ideal laboratory for the study of nerve impulses and their transmission.

But perhaps the strangest findings were reported recently by the American Veterinary Medical Association. Some dogs, it seems, are allergic to their owners' face-powder. Some cats develop skin rashes in response to certain food. Horses can be allergic to saddle soap. And worst of all, some poor, long-suffering cows are victims of hay fever!—S.I.S. Medical Features.

Montreal. — The Bell Telephone Company said Canadians are the most talkative people under the sun when they are on a telephone.

An annual world telephone survey based on a census recorded January 1 showed that around the world, from frigid Iceland to sunny Samoa, people are talking more and more.

Canadians who talked themselves into a world record in 1951 maintained it last year by averaging 388.7 telephone conversations per person. The company didn't say whether men or women held the lead by sexes.

The United States was second with an average of 352.1 conversations per person during the year and Iceland third with 300.1.

Americans have more telephones than people in any other country. At the beginning of the year, the Bell said, the United States had more than 48,000,000 phones, or more than half the entire world total of 84,000,000.

The British come next with nearly 6,000,000 telephones, 30 per cent of which are in metropolitan London. This is a high concentration since New York has only seven per cent of all the phones in the United States.—United Press.

Hartford, Conn. — Police warned parents that youngsters who behave like Robin Hood may get in trouble.

Complaints were reported of small boys using bows and arrows in parks and playgrounds. Police said some of the arrows are steel-tipped and deadly.—United Press.

ONLY ONE SNAG

New York. — A Boston dentist turned up recently with a device that lets him work on some patients' teeth while the patients themselves stay home.

The machine duplicates the exact chewing mechanism of a patient's mouth, permitting the dentist to make adjustments of biting surfaces. Dr. Harry Kaxia said. Of course, it works only on the kind of teeth you can leave at the dentist's.—United Press.

Where Do You Read First?

Boston. — How do people read the front pages of their newspapers? A group of editors and at least one scientist apparently have opposite views on that subject.

The editors' and scientist's conclusions on the question were disclosed in a report submitted to the 120th meeting here of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Herman F. Brandt, Director of the Institute of Visual Research in Chicago, said he queried 100 editors, of which 60 per cent replied. And most of the editors, Brandt said, thought their readers glanced first at the upper right side of the front page and then spent the first 15 seconds scanning the news on the entire right side of the page.

But they're wrong, said Brandt who recorded the reading habits of 100 persons with a photo-electric eye camera. Brandt said results showed that 78 per cent of the readers first looked at the left-hand side. And, he said, they then divided their reading time of the first 15 seconds as follows:

Left Side
Top half 59.6 per cent
Lower half 57.6 per cent

Right Side
Top half 40.4 per cent
Lower half 42.2 per cent

Brandt commented that "Scientific research showed that in spite of the fact the editors would place their pictures and leading stories on the right-hand side, the reader still showed a preference for the left side of the page."—United Press.

Amateur Uranium Hunters Give It Up

New York. — Discouraged amateur uranium hunters have decided to call it a day and are leaving the rush for atom-age rights to the experts, a physicist who helped set off the big scramble reported.

Parlour-trained would-be geophysicists who rushed over hill and dale with Geiger counters, lunch pails and dreams of glory have come home disillusioned, he said.

They've decided it is more fun to go fishing after all—even if the big ones get away.

Meyer H. Reiss, a physicist who quit government atomic energy work to go into the nuclear age equipment business, sold thousands of Geiger counters during the uranium rush of 1949.

He persuaded manufacturers to turn out a \$49.50 model, and would-be prospectors bought them at department store sporting goods counters. The uranium hunters tramped miles and miles over barren countryside, hopelessly listening for a Geiger click that could mean millions of dollars.

SORE FEET & SILENCE
But, Reiss reported, about all they got was sore feet and silence, so they have given up. They've put their Geiger counters in the attic or given them to junior to play atom-age-scientist with.

Reiss is President of Radlab and two affiliated companies, Atomic Centre for Instruments and Equipment and Atomlab, Inc. The companies make and distribute equipment for hospital atomic research.

"The first ones who rushed to buy Geiger counters were looking to be millionaires," Reiss said. "They were buying a toy with a \$10,000 prize dangling from it if they found the holy grail. The government offered \$10,000 to anyone who found uranium."

"The people who are looking now at least have done a little reading up on the subject, but

most of them are trained for prospecting. It still isn't too expensive, even with a \$100 Geiger counter, because that's all a person needs to start.

"Then after a strike is made, the geologists can come in with their \$20,000 equipment and verify it."

"What started out as an oddity became a popular novelty and now it is taking its place as a serious prospecting tool."

Reiss admitted he dabbled in uranium prospecting once, himself.

"I satisfied my own suppressed desire and went down to a spring in Virginia where the water is known to be slightly radioactive," he said. "I actually was on a business trip but happened to have my Geiger counter with me and stopped to check."

"I came across some hot areas, but did not have time to stop. I understand there was a very valuable strike in that area afterward. It makes me feel certain I was on the right trail."

—United Press.

Study Of Mars Continues Expedition Going To Bloomfontein

Washington. — The age-old quest into whether life exists on Mars—the red planet—will be carried on this year by a special expedition to Bloomfontein, South Africa, the National Geographic Society announced.

The party will include a team of astronomers from the society's Lowell observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona. Its findings will later be co-ordinated with those of the International Mars Committee formed last year to take observations from all the major continents.

In June, Mars will be 40,000,000 miles from the Earth, the nearest in 13 years. It will be close to the horizon in North America but directly overhead in Bloomfontein, giving the star gazers there an extraordinary fine telescopic contact.

One goal is a more exact measurement of the planet's diameter—about half that of the Earth—and from this a better understanding of Mars' internal makeup. Another is an investigation of the "Blue Envelope" that clouds the planet's surface when pictures are made by blue light.

SURFACE DETAILS

By red light the cloud is penetrated and surface details may be seen with a powerful telescope. From polar caps that vary in size with the Martian seasons, huge dark areas extend toward the planet's equator. These change over the years and also with the seasons although general outlines remain relatively fixed.

The seasonal changes are believed to reflect vegetation which once was thought to be giant lakes or seas. In 1877, the Italian astronomer, Schiaparelli claimed he had discovered giant lines which he called "canals" or "channels." This gave rise to the implication that they may have been dug by intelligent beings.

Dr. E. C. Silpher, Lowell observatory Marlin expert, will lead the work at Bloomfontein. He will use the 27-inch refracting telescope of the Lamont-Hussey observatory there, most powerful in the southern hemisphere. In all 14 countries will be participating in the exploration.

Geographic President Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor said the 100-inch telescope at Mount Wilson and the 200-inch "big eye" at Palomar in California also will be turned on Mars at intervals during the year.—United Press.

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BOLIVIAN tin heiress Isabel Pardo and Jimmy Goldsmith leave the George Hotel, Edinburgh, after their wedding breakfast to spend the first night of their honeymoon with friends near the city. Thus, finally with her father's blessing, ended happily the whirlwind elopement of 18-year-old Isabel and the 20-year-old son of a London hotel owner. (Express)



RIGHT: Lieut. Dennis A. Lankford, 30-year-old Royal Navy photographer, who has told how his Chinese Red captors in Korea played "Russian Roulette" with him for seven days. Each morning he was taken to stand beside a grave he had dug while a Chinese officer emptied all cartridges except one from a revolver, spun the magazine and pulled the trigger. He was captured in 1951. (Express)



LEFT: It was part of comedian Christopher Hewett's act at London's West End Casino Theatre to be pushed fully clothed into a bathing pool on the stage, but he lost consciousness in the water one night. Here show-girls are helping to lift him out. (Express)



POPULAR stage, radio and film star Ronald Shiner seen as he welcomed clients old and new at the Blackboys Inn, Framleigh, near Uckfield, when he took over as Mine Host.



ACTRESS Valerie Hobson is seen cutting the Baddeley Cake at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. The Baddeley Cake is bought for the Theatre Royal company every Twelfth Night with money provided in the 1794 will of actor Robert Baddeley, whose money also buys punch for the players. Valerie is seen with the cast of "The King And I," in which she is leading lady. (Express)



JOSE FERRER, of "Cyrano" and "Lautrec" fame, with his bride of five months, singer Rosemary Clooney, as they leave their plane at London Airport on arrival from New York. Miss Clooney is to appear in English television. (Express)



TELEVISION cameras were allowed to be placed in St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, where they could film the most sacred moments of a Mass celebrated by Dr John Heenan, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds. In top picture, the Bishop is seen washing his hands before Holy Communion. Lower shot shows the Bishop raising the Sacred Host — the supreme moment of the Mass. (Express)



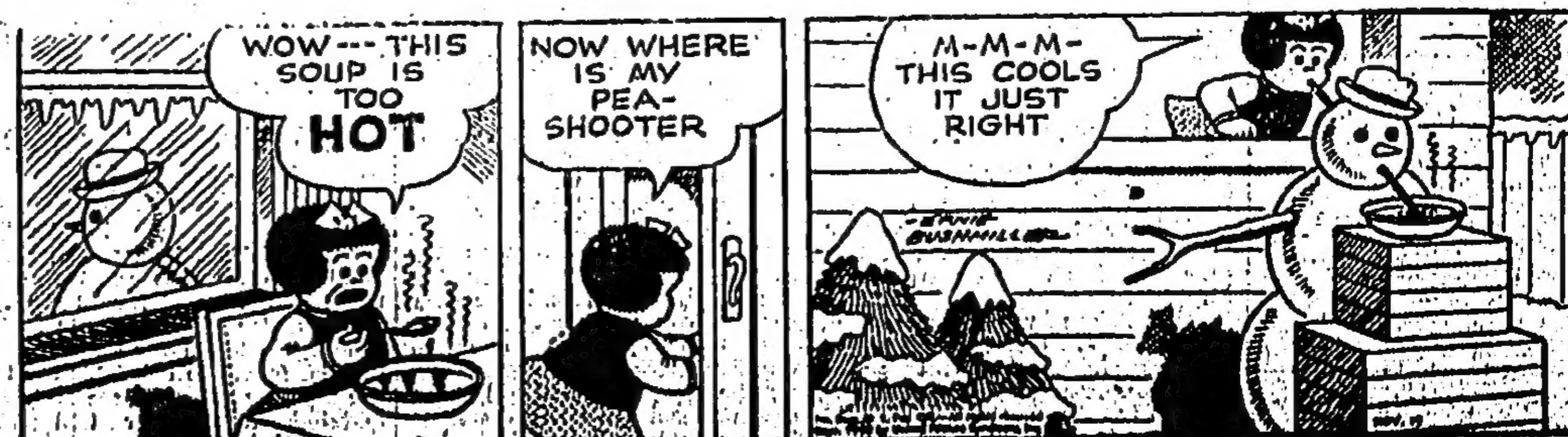
JUST arrived in London is Tamara Louwe, green-eyed idol of Portugal's bullfights. Twenty-five-year-old Tamara is to see a psychiatrist during her stay in London because she is terrified of the crowds that flock from all over Portugal to see her bull fights. (Express)



IN sharp contrast to the mild unseasonable weather at the year-end, most areas of the British Isles are now in the grip of a severe spell of cold weather. This snow scene was made in Gloucestershire, and shows a Cheltenham farmer driving his cows to afternoon milking while snow swirls about him.

NANCY Better Than Blowing

By Ernie Bushmiller



BLACK MAGIC
PLAIN
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CONVICT ISLANDS BECOME MODEL COMMUNITY

By JACK SENN

STRETCHING for 500 miles from the Bay of Bengal into the Indian Ocean lies a chain of two hundred islands — the Andamans and Nicobars.

Six hundred miles east of the Indian sub-continent, they provide a remote setting of hot sun and coral reefs, still lagoons and white surf.

Before the war, these islands were notorious as a penal settlement. Today they have a special strategic significance.

And they are also fast developing into a self-sufficient outpost of the new Republic of India.

The Indian Government has permitted the Royal Air Force to set up a small base there from which to communicate with passing ships and aircraft. Periodically, civil airlines touch down, too.

In the event of war, however, the islands would become vitally important. For they lie within easy striking distance of Bengal's highly industrialised areas to the north and the Madras coast to the west.

In enemy hands, they could prove as much a menace to India as was Germany's North Sea island outpost of Heligoland to Britain.

No More Despair

So just now, India is paying increasing attention to these territories, which, despite their wartime occupation by Japan, remained loyal to Britain and afterwards to India when the transfer of power was completed.

No longer are they islands of despair, the living hell of the life-serving criminal. They have become the promised land both to the inhabitants and to thousands of homeless Indians, uprooted by the 1947 partition, who have been given a new start in life there.

The Indian Government has drawn up a Five-Year Plan to develop and re-settle the territories and, during this period, will spend 403 million rupees (£31 million) creating new industries, building roads and schools and establishing police and customs posts.

Already the task has begun of reclaiming 20,000 acres on the plains and a similar area in

the hills. So far eight thousand homeless Indians have been settled there.

These have been granted a loan of 2,000 rupees (£154) each to buy farming implements, seeds and livestock. Each has been allotted ten acres of land, which will be cleared for them by bulldozers and grapples.

The settlers themselves are helping in the reclamation work with hand axes to hasten the moment when their plots will produce wheat and rice, their staple diet. This they will augment with bananas, papayas, oranges, mangoes and other fruit growing abundantly in the hills.

Good Investment

The Indian Government believes that it will all be a good investment. For by the time the Five-Year Plan is completed it is hoped that the islands will have provided about 300 million rupees (£29 million) by way of trade and taxes.

So on paper the net Government outlay will have been 23 million rupees (£2 million) for a small figure for converting a one-time penal settlement into a flourishing community.

Inevitably some of the islanders—sturdy, brown-skinned people resembling the Indians themselves—will resent the arrival of the new settlers.

So may the aborigines, who still hunt with bow and arrow and maintain their old custom of cutting off an enemy's head to prove their bravery.

But it is hoped that as the islands are developed the population will co-operate in forming a model community.

Valuable Link

There will be no background of innate caste distinctions, and the stigma of the "prison communities" will be wiped out for ever.

Though the island one day may be a tourist centre with liners plying to Port Blair, the Government of India intends to foster India's best traditions and customs in everyday life, in festivals and celebrations.

With autonomous status and representatives in the New Delhi Parliament, the islands may well become a prosperous part of the Indian Union and at the same time a valuable link in the country's defences.

The Teenager In A Lost World

By LES ARMOUR

HE hates his job, finds his amusements boring, reads thrillers, wants to be a band leader and, most of the time, he doesn't give a hoot about anyone but himself.

He is a British teenager from a mildly down-at-heel London suburb.

He is almost ANY teenager from almost ANY London suburb.

The sociologists might call him "typical" or a "statistical average." He is, in fact, what seems to have emerged from a careful study by R.F.L. Logan and E. M. Goldberg.

Dr Logan is a physician, Mr Goldberg a social worker. They questioned 85 youths in an average suburb—carefully selected cross-section from an area chosen because the people who live there are typical of a large part of the British public.

Their findings are about as pleasant as a swift kick below the belt.

NO ADVENTURE

They concluded that boys between 16-18 have almost all lost what used to be called the "sense of adventure." "They convey the impression of passive acceptance of the world... This picture vividly contrasts with the prevalent notion of restless youth eager to explore and experiment." The quotation is from their report to the British Journal of Sociology.

They have lost their sense of adventure because they have decided that life cannot be convincingly offered them anything. The 85 worked in a wide array of jobs—they were factory apprentices, machine minders, shop assistants and office boys.

Only the apprentices liked their jobs. The shop assistants and office boys loathed their work. The machine minders found relief only by quitting and starting somewhere else every six months or so. Yet almost all the boys thought they would stick to their occupations for the rest of their lives.

Saturday nights, they went to the movies. Often, they found them dull. But they couldn't think of anywhere else to go. Sunday mornings, they stayed in bed.

Most of them had girl friends. But their primary interest appeared to be sex and not companionship.

Few of them cared much about the people around them or assumed that anyone else cared much about them.

LIKE MACHINES

In short, they were almost sub-human—closer to the machines they worked than to any ideal of humanity.

The experts have made an effort at an explanation: "Our eighteen-year-olds must be seen against the background of the world of war and the threat of war in which he has lived since his earliest awareness. There is a great uncertainty about standards of behaviour and confusion about roles and relationships in the home and at work."

In other words, the world has been shaken, not only by the uncertainty of events but also by a destruction of accepted values. And, whatever the cause of that destruction, it probably lies deeper than the war.

The teenager has no standard other than his own amusement by which to measure things. And he does not find the world very amusing. Somehow, he will have to find another scale.



"DID YOU GET ONE?"

London Express Service

DAVID LEWIN looks at The Hollywood Fable in the light of two persons

THE VON and the VOICE



Von Stroheim uses a penny to represent his film monoco

By sen, from Paris, came 68-year-old Erich von Stroheim, the heavy-necked officer of so many films.

But unless I had seen Miss Clooney I would have missed the full poignancy of meeting Mr von Stroheim. For he talked in the past tense. She used the future.

of "Come On-a My House," has a homely face and a relaxed manner.

She is in films now ("Here Come the Girls," "Red Garters") as well as on the record, although she says: "I am a girl anyone can look like—plainish. My voice? I never studied to sing. Jo knows more about that than I do. I just make a commercial sound that sells songs."

"I don't warm up my voice—or anything like that. What do I have to warm up to?"

That is the accepted Hollywood singer's approach to singing, but husband Ferrer says: "She underestimates herself. She can discuss music with me—even long—hair looks."

And I like the way she

goat. My talent was for directing; but I stayed on in Hollywood for a while doing the next best thing—acting. And because an actor has to eat at least twice a week, I appeared as the spy, the brutal, guttural German officer. I wore a monocle—it was expected—but I never wear one off-screen."

HE said, "Being in the garbage"—not wanted by Hollywood—may have certain compensations. I live pleasantly, comfortably, in the country outside Paris. I write books and act in an occasional French film."

A note of sadness entered the deep von Stroheim voice. "My career is ruined, but I can remember the past. I did one or two things that stay to the present day."

With him in London is his business manager, Denise Vermae, who translates his books into French. She gave a new slant to Stroheim. "Erich likes to pretend he is tough off-screen as well. Of course he isn't. He is shy, timid, charming. He puts up a notice, 'Beware of the savage dog,' at his home. But his dog is a spaniel."

THEY were married last July—a seemingly strange match between the man who played artist Toulouse-Lautrec and the girl who once sang at tobacco warehouse dances. But Ferrer is singer and jazz student too.

In spite of her apparent casualness, Rosemary Clooney knows exactly where she is going in films.

"A record—even a top-seller—lasts three months. Then it is forgotten. But a film can go on for years. To be in pictures is an insurance. As for acting—well, I leave that to Jo. He is the genius. Me, I just do what I am told."

"The only snag with a genius is that what you do for a living he does better as a hobby." The genius said: "Not at all."

Now over to Erich von Stroheim—and the sadness of a man Hollywood has passed by.

There was a party for him (his old films are being revived in London), and all round the room there were Stroheim pictures showing him as a film young man ("I have a pot-belly now") in films of the 1920's.

Once he was a well-known Hollywood director. His films included "The Merry Widow," "The Great Gatsby." But Hollywood stopped him directing more than 15 years ago and accused him of extravagance. The legend says that once he kept 400 people waiting on a film set for three days until a pet dog sneezed.

Stroheim fingered the gold bracelet he always wears for luck, and said: "Extravagance, they claimed. I was a scape-



Rosemary: "I do what I am told."

★ SAYS VON STROHEIM:

'I'm in the garbage'

★ SAYS ROSEMARY CLOONEY:

'The future's grand'

LONDON.

THE fun and the agony of the old Hollywood success fable were demonstrated side by side in London. Happily, and smiling, Rosemary Clooney, a slight, blonde, 23-year-old film and record singer, flew in from New York with her husband, 41-year-old Jose Ferrer.

Von Stroheim said: "I am in the garbage now—and I don't relish it. I was pushed there by people in Hollywood, and of course I am bitter."

Rosemary Clooney says: "Isn't the future wonderful? I'd like to try a Broadway musical now I am married to Jo. He'd be a great coach. Just about the best."

The girl from the gramophone records, whose bright, husky voice sold 800,000 copies

POLITICS GAVE THEM FREEDOM

From William Hamsher

Goettingen. But among these thousands, there is no sign of returning Britons or members of the 11 nationalities reported by prisoners to be held in the Soviet Union.

Prisoners who have already reached Goettingen, just inside Western Germany, say they have no idea why the Russians should have released them just now—but they think that there is a political decision behind their homecoming rather than Soviet kindness.

To back this view is the fact that most of the convoys are made up of tough youngsters who were obviously capable of giving the Soviet Union years of hard work.

The men now reaching Goettingen are not like those who came in the autumn. Those were mainly the hale and the lame, no longer fit for work. The newcomers will all be valuable recruits to the West German labour market.

It seems that the Russians want to begin Four Power conference year with some at least of their goals and barbed-wire prison camps emptied.

They are sending back to Germany convoy after convoy of men of Hitler's Wehrmacht, many of whom have long been given up for dead by their relatives.

They are sending back political prisoners unheard of since they disappeared years ago either on visits to the Soviet Union or behind the Red zone frontier.

The number of homecomers may reach 10,000 in the next few days, according to German welfare officials. They base this estimate on hints which have come to them from across the Iron Curtain.

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WEARING a Rolex Oyster Perpetual, a professor of Milan University, went for a swim off Capri. But the strap-buckle was loose, and the watch broke from his wrist, and sank to the bottom.

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ONE woman in every ten now living is destined to reach an age of 88 years or more. One man in every ten will live beyond 85.

These official forecasts, which show vividly how the average human life-span is extending, are made in a British Health Ministry document just issued to doctors.

Experts led by Dr William P. D. Logan, the Government's chief medical statistician, have made a mid-century check on the nation's health by comparing current life-spans with those of 100 years ago.

Don't be glum

The results go far to outweigh glum warnings about increasing heart troubles, mental stress and other "perils of civilisation." They will certainly shock the escapists who yearn for the "good old days."

THE FACTS:—

● In spite of the strain of modern living, traffic accidents, and smog, the chance of reaching the age of 44 has increased sevenfold for women and nearly sixfold for men since 1868.

● Children have a 20 times better chance of reaching the age of 15 than your great-great-grandparents had when they were youngsters.

Among the old

● Out of every 1,000 babies born in mid-Victorian Britain 203 died before they were one year old. Only 32 out of every 1,000 babies now die in infancy.

● Loss of working life caused by tuberculosis was

Faithful
sparrow

★ SPARROWS are faithful lovers and house-proud parents, according to Mr. D. Summers-Smith, who has been watching their courtship for several years. They usually find their mates when they are eight months old, and stay wedded.

And a note from
Roy Uilyett



more than 20 times greater 100 years ago. Loss due to bronchitis and pneumonia was six times greater for men, nine times greater for women.

● There are now far fewer fatal "strokes" among young and middle-aged people.

Though heart trouble is known to be increasing, the survey shows that there has been a substantial decrease in loss of working life from this cause in the last 100 years.

This means that the bulk of the increased heart disease is being recorded among older people, which is to be expected, as so many more are living beyond 65.

Much of the increase in cancer is also due to the fact that people are living so much longer and must eventually die of some disorder.

The increase in the number of recorded cases is being further exaggerated because doctors are now diagnosing cancer with greater certainty.

Most surprising finding of all, considering the increase of traffic and the enormous numbers of people employed in industry, is that deaths from accidents and other forms of violence have cut by two-thirds since 1863.

The reason? Though accidents are now commoner, they are far less often fatal.

So simple

★ A WELCOME change in naming medicines has been started by Dr Richard Shope, a U.S. scientist who has discovered a new germ-killing drug instead of giving it a tongue-twisting title like chloramphenicol, he has called it helicine after his wife Helen. Dr Shope extracted the promising drug from a mould which he found growing on a mildewed photograph of his wife.

Boom bubbles

★ A DEVONSHIRE farmer, who regularly mixes the waste washing-up water from his dairy with his pig food, noticed that his porkers grew faster after he started using a certain washing powder.

A British scientist, who has investigated his smart observation, now reports that certain detergents do speed the growth of pigs and poultry.

Some scientists are still sceptical, but one firm is so satisfied with feeding experiments carried out at Cambridge that it is to market a detergent growth-booster for farmers.

Peril at sea

★ A DOCTOR investigating five cases in which people developed alarming symptoms after eating cod's roe in Denmark has made a sinister discovery—the roe had been contaminated with mustard gas.

Police inquiries proved that a fishing vessel had accidentally dredged up a leaking canister of the gas—one of thousands captured from the Germans and sunk "for safety" in the Baltic six years ago.

Bedside tanner

★ MY FAVOURITE medical misprint! The doctor felt the patient's pulse, and decided that there was no hope.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"But, darling, it's so refreshing to read of a romance where neither of them has ever been married before."

Go Fly A Kite
For A Fish

By JAMES WICKENDEN

WHILE bleak winds blow, sportsmen are out in the South Seas fishing. And they have the edge on the West when it comes to ingenuity.

They never pore over coloured catalogues of the latest spinners, flies and pearly pearls. They just reach out for a spider's web and a paper kite.

The kite does the work of the stilled light-fingered east from an expensive rod and keeps the bait dancing with a feathery touch over the water.

It is fastened to the line half way between the reel and the hook. This carries it out further than any fisherman can cast.

But the hook isn't for catching the fish. The South Sea Islanders aim to give the fish a real chase, and fight it only with the strength there is in the spider's web.

The web is banded on the hook, and the fish gets its teeth tangled in it. That is the theory—however fishy it sounds. And it works because a well-tangled web is capable of holding much more than a fly.

Why should the fish chase a web dancing over the water? Again there is a twist to the answer these fishermen give: it isn't the web that attracts them in the first place; it's the kite.

The idea is that shoals of small fish swimming on the surface are followed by birds, and where the birds go, so do the

AFTER the tragedy of the Dardanelles a Former Naval Person dramatically buckled on his sword preparatory to seeking honour in the trenches.

His mother was in despair. His secretary wept. His wife alone remained calm, collected and efficient, as she has now been doing for 45 years.

Clementine Ogilvie Spencer Churchill stays concealed from the world by what might be called a chintz curtain. Her friends do not speak about her publicly. She is rarely mentioned in the many

His Darling Clementine

By LAURENCE THOMPSON

biographies of her husband.

Very occasionally a corner of the curtain is lifted. Lord Norwich, having drawn a memorable picture of the Prime Minister in siren suit, enormous Californian hat and silk dressing-gown embroidered with gold dragons, adds: "Clementine said she had given Winston a Claude Lorraine lecture this morning on the importance of not quarrelling with de Gaulle. He had grumbled at the time, but she thought it would bear fruit."

Or a waitress bearing a tempting tray of sandwiches at a Buckingham Palace garden party notices Mr Churchill raise his hand as if to help himself, catch his wife's eye, shrug and, with a schoolboy grin, refrain.

Or a visitor to their London home hears a voice like a bereaved fog-horn calling "Clemmy! Clemmy!" And the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition, told that his wife is out, ruminates the house disconsolate.

Very Moving

IT is surely very moving that our most massive orator, statesman unparalleled, should still turn to his wife after a speech and inquire anxiously: "Was it all right?"

Certainly Lady Churchill finds it sufficient reward. She sincerely dislikes the limelight, and can be uncharitable about the wives of eminent contemporaries who usurp their husbands' share. But when her account of her visit to Russia in 1954 received a two-column review in The Times the author of the family is said to have exclaimed indignantly: "I never get two columns in The Times." Last of the great Victorians, he, too, firmly believes that

This did not perturb a firmly-chinned young lady who was herself a Liberal. When Winston's cousin, the Duke of Marlborough, made pointed remarks about Mr Asquith, she packed her bags and left Blenheim. Nor could she be persuaded to return for many months.

There are some people, said Margot Asquith, with a meaningful glance in the direction of Winston Churchill, that you cannot change; you must either swallow them whole, or leave them alone.

A great man is no less great because he sometimes permits himself the luxury of being a big baby, able at one moment to vault himself upon the hill-tops, at the next wallowing in troughs of despair and self-contempt.

Such a man, such a baby, Clementine Churchill swallowed whole. It is the measure of her stature that she sustained a nation in sustaining him.

She remains a Liberal, if not a Radical, apt in the teeth of public disapproval to say a kind word for squatters, or the USSR. It was she who, when bombs began to fall on London, visited the Tube shelters and told her husband firmly that something must be done.

Her Red Cross Aid to Russia fund raised over £7,000,000. She organised canteens and rest rooms for munition workers in the first World War, as she organised canteens and hostels for the YWCA in the second, with the belief that the individual, even among blood, sweat, toil and tears, needed the dignity of privacy, a clean tablecloth, a meal served as well as circumstances allowed.

Her GBE awarded for public services in 1946 came to her, but in her own right as organiser and administrator.



Lady Churchill receiving the Nobel Prize for Literature on behalf of her husband.

Clementine Hozier was the daughter of a Scots Army officer who became secretary to Lloyd's. Her maternal grandfather was the ninth Earl of Airlie. Her father and mother were separated, and for some time she lived with her mother at Dieppe because it was less expensive. Unlike her husband, she speaks perfect French and at one time spoke good German, though this, it is said, has become rusty.

She spent four years at Berkhamstead School for Girls. When she returned there to present prizes in 1947 she offered a self-revealing piece of advice: "If you find yourself in competition with men, never become aggressive in your rivalry. . . . You will gain more by quietly holding to your own convictions. But even this must be done with art and, above all, with good humour. Never enlarge, except to a tried and trusted confidant, about your difficulties."

She herself was a hard-working, keen, good girl, perhaps something of a prig, with a seriousness that was Victorian rather than Edwardian. Even Beatrice Webb, not easily pleased in these matters, found the young Mrs. Churchill "a charming lady, well-bred and pretty, and earnest withal—but not rich, by no means a good match, which is to Winston's credit."

Not as the wife of a great man, but in her own right as organiser and administrator.

Yet in a sense all was done for Winston. As the wartime Prime Minister's wife, this tall, slender, distinguished woman with grey hair tightly curled, wearing a beautifully-made dress, did all the right things. She visited shipyards and arms factories, ate gump pudding in British Restaurants, made for herself a reputation as a broadcaster.

Anyone who met her for an hour went away intoxicated by her high spirits, gaiety and sense of fun. She drew the line only at reading official speeches. "If I say anything, I say what I like," she announced, firmly.

But as soon as the need was gone, she withdrew thankfully into private life, mistress of Chartwell's flower-beds and chintzes.

The food served at her table is excellent, not because she spends a great deal of money but because she takes pains. She is better at training books than at cooking herself.

She used to be a tennis player, but now plays croquet, at which she is a good strategist, with a keen enjoyment of the full rigours of that malicious game.

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Takes Pains

SHE is a wonderful house manager. Traces of former impeccability remain, as when she advertised after the war for a second gardener at £2 15s a week plus cottage. But a thrifty and strict upbringing are also useful in housekeeping for one who likes his meals solid and Victorian while proclaiming that domestically at least, "I very much enjoy the luxury of indecision."

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YOU CAN BLAME
THE WIVES—if life is so respectable
in the twilight land of
Dangerous Dan McGrew

ON the frozen edge of the map of Canada, 400 miles north of the nearest railroad, 400 miles south of the Arctic Ocean, on the shores of the Great Slave Lake in the Land of the Midnight Sun, there's a big feller named Colin Macdonald who will be keeping his fists warm.

The news has just trickled through to the boys propping up the longest bar in the Northwest Territories that the Duke of Edinburgh is visiting them this summer. There are celebrations ahead.

And when the boys from the surrounding camps come into town it is Colin's job to set up the liquor and lay out the customers who've had too much of it at Ingraham's Hotel in Yellowknife.

Yellowknife, one of the brand new frontiers of Empire which the Duke so rightly wants to see on his Canadian visit, is a gold-mining settlement of about 2,500 people.

Ingraham's Hotel, where he will surely stay, because there is nowhere else to go, is the last place with a bath before you hit the North Pole.

Half the year Yellowknife is frozen solid. In mid-winter the only daylight is a few hours of gloom.

In summer there is virtually no darkness at all. The sun never leaves the sky and you can play golf, yes golf, at three o'clock in the morning.

I was there about 18 months ago, which makes me one of the

few Englishmen (there are not many Canadians either) who can give the Duke a personal note of introduction.

Yellowknife to me "was the surprise of a lifetime. I went to the land of Dangerous Dan McGrew dressed up like a hairy caterpillar, and ready, if necessary, to dig myself in to the prospect of eating frozen caribou in a log cabin while I held back starving wolves with my faithful rifle."

Yet within half an hour of arriving I was sitting in a comfortably heated hotel suite (near my private bathroom) giving an interview to the editor of the local newspaper.

I had travelled all the way to the Frozen North in search of MACDONALD HASTINGS

takes you on a Saturday excursion to the town the Duke will visit

adventure and all I had found were radio-taxis, ice-cream soda bars, a cinema with three changes of programme a week, a Hudson's Bay store that would not look out of place in Oxford Street, and Mounties, looking romantic enough, getting their hats in American care.

For a gold-mining camp, Yellowknife seemed the most sissy place on earth.

Instead of gun-fights, they had hand-drawn exhibitions. Tough characters drew me on one side to invite me to coffee and cakes, and to look at their photographic albums.

Gold-miners, swaggering round in furs with ornamental Indian boots, ate cream cakes and drank pop at a chromium-plated snack bar, with a juke box.

"What's happened?" I asked. "It's the women," they said. "Once the women arrived, everything got respectable."

As soon as they said it I realised it was the true explanation. There is a saying that civilisation follows the plough; that is only partly true.

Civilisation follows women. And, of course, air transport.

When the women flew in and made the men shave and cut off tabbies, civilised life began. Still it is not an easy place to run a home.

In spring, to start the vegetable seeds you must freeze out the earth for the seed boxes inside the house.

Milk, when it is available, costs nearly 7s a quart, meat 10s a lb.

It is a great pity that, when the Duke himself has a drink at the most famous bar in the Far North, everybody is sure to be on their best behaviour.

I could wish that, just once, he could see Colin Macdonald's method of dealing with a misbehaving little boy. Colin places his great arm round the offender's shoulders and scoops him outside as a punishment, as if he were a man at a wedding.

Doug Betts, who is in charge of the Mounties post at Yellowknife, told me that, after his policeman, Colin is the greatest single factor in the preservation of law and order in the Northwest Territories.

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The Fabulous Mountbattens

DEATH OF A LONELY MILLIONAIRE

Into the fabulous story of the Mountbatten family came a man who arrived in Britain from Germany with only a bag of clothes and a violin. He died, worth £6,000,000, leaving a large part of it to his granddaughter Edwina who was to become Lady Louis Mountbatten — and the aunt of the Duke of Edinburgh. The millionaire was Sir Ernest Cassel — and he died, despite his wealth, a lonely, unhappy old man.

TO consolidate his position in London society Sir Ernest Cassel bought, in 1905, the Park Lane mansion, Brook House.

Immense sums were spent on its renovation and decoration, and he moved into it three years later.

Unlike his Royal master, King Edward VII, Cassel was not a fountain of taste, and although he took the best advice and acquired the most valuable objects that money could buy the mansion became and remained of vulgar opulence.

He imported eight hundred tons of marble from Michelangelo's quarry in Italy. Even the six kitchens were lined with it, and the dining-room, panelled entirely in oak, was designed to seat a hundred guests in comfort.

The wall of the entrance lobby were panelled with alternating lapis lazuli and green-veined cream-coloured marble.

The double doors and four single doors leading off it were of looking-glass, and the main hall grand staircase and gallery were of white marble.

The library on the Upper Brook Street corner was furnished entirely in cherry wood, with small oval canopies of black Wedgwood inset under the bookshelves.

Cassel was one of the principal clients of Sir Joseph Duveen, the great art dealer, who brought new-rich millionaires all over America and Europe into vying with each other in the purchase of valuable pictures and objects d'art.

Value of it all

THE house was crammed with pictures, crystal ware and old silver goblets. There was never any hint that Cassel acquired a real appreciation of the artistic value of the beautiful things.

His daughter, Maud, who, by 1905, was the mother of two little girls, Edwina and Mary, acted as hostess in this palatial establishment for a while—until she died of consumption after Cassel had vainly poured vast wealth to try to save her.

For his granddaughter, Edwina, Sir Ernest developed a great affection, and later—when she was 17—she, in turn, was to be hostess in the big Park Lane house.

Later still, after she had married Lord Louis Mountbatten, she was to arrange for the sale of the house. On top of the office block which replaced it she and Lord Louis lived in a fabulous penthouse which was the talk of London.

During his years in Brook House Cassel was to play a notable part in a high transaction of state.

It was a curious affair, with many underones, involving his friend, Albert Ballin, the great German shipping magnate, who had acquired a position of in-

fluence with the Kaiser similar to Cassel's relationship with his own King.

From 1903 almost up to the outbreak of war they were the partners in what, on three occasions, nearly became successful attempts to halt the growing rivalry between Germany and Great Britain which led to the outbreak of the First World War.

In May 1914, Ballin and Cassel were still lobbying ministers in an attempt to reach some arrangement, but by now it was too late.

In the meantime, the momentum of Cassel's life had started to diminish. Edward VII, his friend and patron, died in May 1910.

Cassel was the last of his intimates to see him alive. He had an appointment with the King on the morning of his death, but was advised by the

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Friends who snubbed

FAIR-WEATHER friends who had batted on his hospitality for years and had lobbied shamelessly for the invitations that would bring them into contact with intimate Court circles now openly snubbed him.

Sir Ernest had probably long been under no illusion as to the character of their friendship—little is hidden to a man with his knowledge of affairs—but the snubs must have hurt. He turned now to imperial benefactions and to his two young granddaughters as an outlet for the affections which had received so many severe rebuffs.

Sir Ernest gave away something like a million and a half

trial, and he took to spending a couple of months in one of his country estates. However, with the end of the war, his life entered a short Indian summer.

With victory, there was nothing to remind him of the earlier atmosphere of pride, and there was a second generation grown to womanhood to lighten his days.

His two granddaughters, Edwina and Mary, had often come from school to see him during the war, and he watched over them benevolently.

Edwina was his favourite, and early in 1919, when she was 17, she came to live with him in London.

After a carefully chaperoned visit to Italy for some months to finish her education, she came out at a great ball for which Brook House took on all its old splendour.

Edwina now acted as hostess for the new wave of entertaining with which Sir Ernest launched her in society. But the friends were nearly all his, not one, but two generations older than the slim, wide-eyed girl of the table. It was not that she was ungrateful or ungracious, but often she was just bored.

Death alone

IN the autumn of 1920 Sir Ernest's doctors sent him to the South of France for the winter, and next year he bought for £200,000 the beautiful Villa de Cedres, lying in 40 acres at Cap Ferrat.

It was Sir Ernest's last luxury, and he never set foot in it as the owner. The end came suddenly, almost exactly a month later, on September 21. Death found him, fittingly, alone, collapsed over the desk in his office in Brook House.

"Great wealth, a great heart, great influence, some affection, more suspicion, and much unhappiness marked the life of Ernest Cassel," The Times Obituary noted two days after his death. It is possible to name one more entry in that catalogue: much loneliness.

He and Prince Louis of Battenberg died within 11 days of each other. Neither of them had any inkling that their respective granddaughter and son were in the throes of a ripening mutual affection.

Edwina had been in Scotland staying with the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland. Lieutenant Lord Louis Mountbatten was a fellow house-guest, and the two young people were starting to take considerable notice of each other.



Sir Ernest Cassel. His friendship with King Edward VII was a remarkable thing. They had nothing in common except a strong physical resemblance.

His father had just died, and he had left for the funeral. Edwina had promised to join him, and was actually making the long train journey back to London the day her grandfather died.

Sir Ernest Cassel's estate was proved at more than £7,500,000, of which some £6,000,000 remained for distribution in his will.

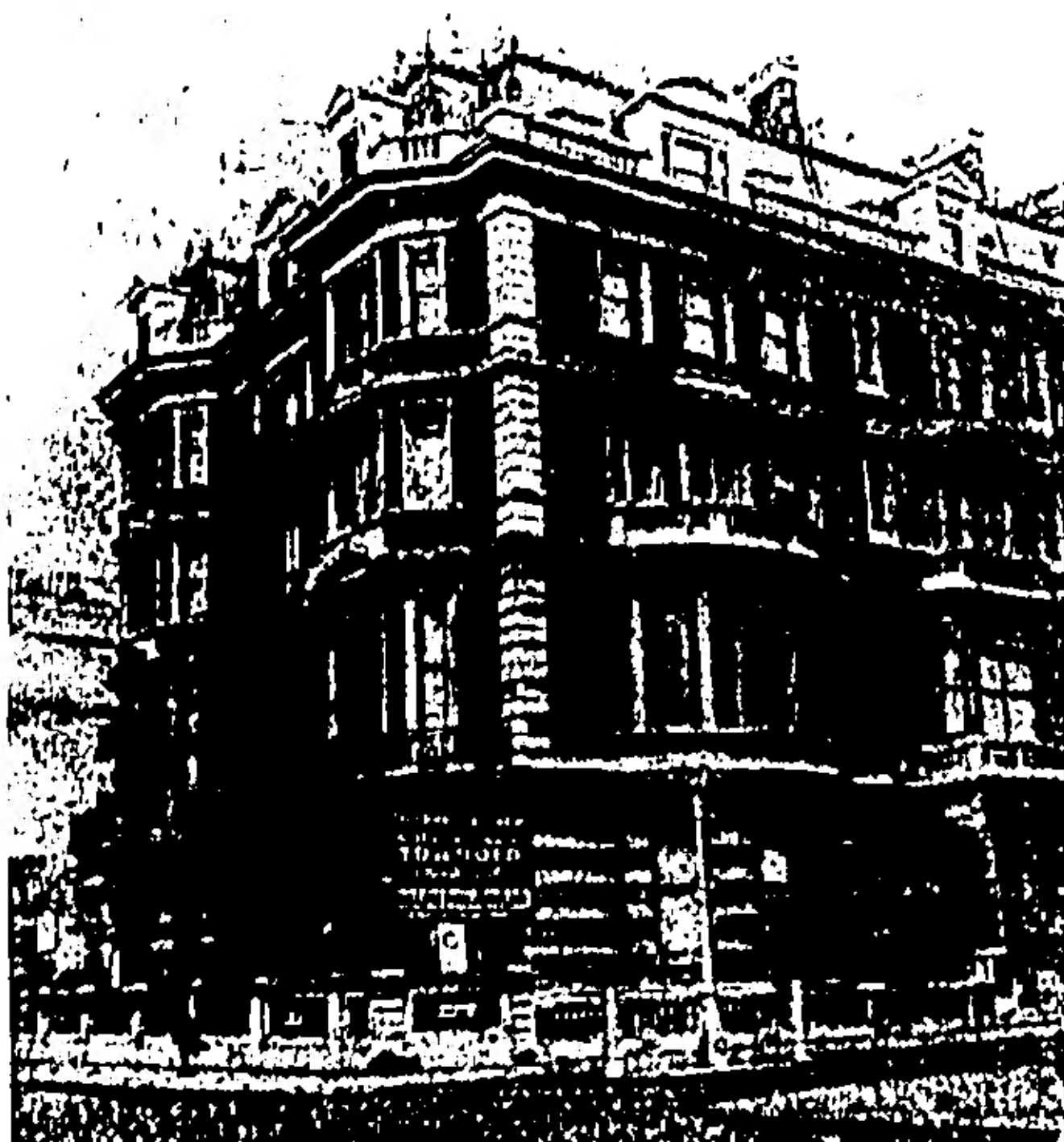
It remains one of the greatest fortunes ever amassed in a single generation. Yet, as he himself acknowledged, it had brought him little happiness.

A large part of the money went to Edwina and Mary, the two granddaughters. Edwina was to marry Lord Louis.

It is not the first time that wealth and birth have been united in Britain's social history.

★ NEXT SATURDAY: Lord Louis Mountbatten is in India as A.D.C. to the Prince of Wales... his wife-to-be—owner of a vast fortune—borrows £100 passage money to go to see him... they are married and with the Prince of Wales become leaders of the Bright Young Things.

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Brook House, Park Lane. A picture taken before it was pulled down to make way for an office block.

Court physicians that His Majesty was too unwell to see him.

The King was not to be put off and, rising, dressed him off and demanded that Cassel be sent for.

Following the Privy Council meeting the morning after the King's death, Cassel went to call on Margot Asquith, the wife of the Prime Minister, and they sat and wept quietly together on the sofa.

Soon it was the wreck of his whole life which Cassel had to mourn. His personality did not find the same echo in the new Court.

But this was no nothing compared with the third family calamity which came to blight his life. Cassel's daughter, Maud, was now deeply stricken with the disease that had killed her mother, and in the spring of 1911 she died.

The double blow was too much. To all intents and purposes he retired from business. The little office in Old Broad Street was closed, and he put a few clerks into a new block at 51, Green Street, Grosvenor Square.

He was in the last six years of his life.

This outpouring of philanthropy was curiously matched with minute petty economies in his private life.

It may have been a slightly grim sense of humour, or perhaps a throw-back to the spare days of his youth, but Sir Ernest gave up wearing his starched white waistcoat when he found the laundering charge had increased to 1s. 6d. The dining-room staff found they had to account for the odd cold partridge that disappeared between one day and the next. The staff were put on board wages.

No longer healthy

YET he still continued to entertain the friends who were left to him. He kept kids on his Moulton Paddock estate to combat the shortage of meat.

His health, normally never a matter for concern, started to give him trouble. He still used to tramp round Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens for an hour every morning, but he was finding the winters in London a

WHY DID THE MAORIS TAKE OFFENCE?

ARTHUR BRITTENDEN looks into the question of native pride

Rotorua (New Zealand).

THEY have gone now. The Maoris who came here in their thousands to welcome their Queen are on the way home on the roads which will take them 200 and 300 miles over New Zealand's two islands.

It was quiet in the geyser-dotted Whakarewarewa Reserve and in their sitting-room Tom and Nini Naera had time to talk.

The proudest

I joined them to see if, in this moment of aftermath, we could find a balance between the things which you at home have read of the Maori people and the unhappiness of many Maoris that they should ever have been set down.

He is chairman of the Whaka Tribal Committee, she is the Maori Welfare Officer for the Arawa district. Both belong to the Arawa tribe, in which distress is perhaps most deeply felt at the criticism of the Maoris. For the Arawa are the proudest upholders of their native beliefs and crafts.

Labour-saving

Over the furniture were laid Maori mats of flax and kiwi feathers. Photograph frames were of carved totara wood inlaid with a stone which has the appearance of mother-of-pearl. From a wall hung a paddie intricately carved.

The electric gadgets, Mrs Naera sees as a sensible and hygienic aid to her housework. It is only 50 years since the Maoris were fewer than 40,000. We were dying out, largely

through ignorance about maintaining our health.

"My grandmother was still alive when I saw Maori women wash out a dress and put it on again still wet because they knew no better."

The mats and the carvings have a significance, not as a clinging to native decoration but in Mr and Mrs Naera's personal ability to make them.

For the Rotorua ceremony the community in which they live produced hundreds of fibre skirts for Maoris elsewhere who wished to wear them before the Queen but had lost the craftsmanship.

But those who contrive this apparently successful matching of native and European life are now being faced with a problem as inherently dangerous as the dispersal in another century of weaker tribes.

New spur

Their young people are turning to European-type houses on estates often far away. Marriages between Maoris and Pakeha (Europeans) are increasing. And the official policy for schooling is Mix.

What effect will the newspaper reports on the Waitangi ceremony (the accuracy of which is not denied) have now that the Government has admitted that the Maoris are right in saying "In the end they can only be counted as pin-pricks."

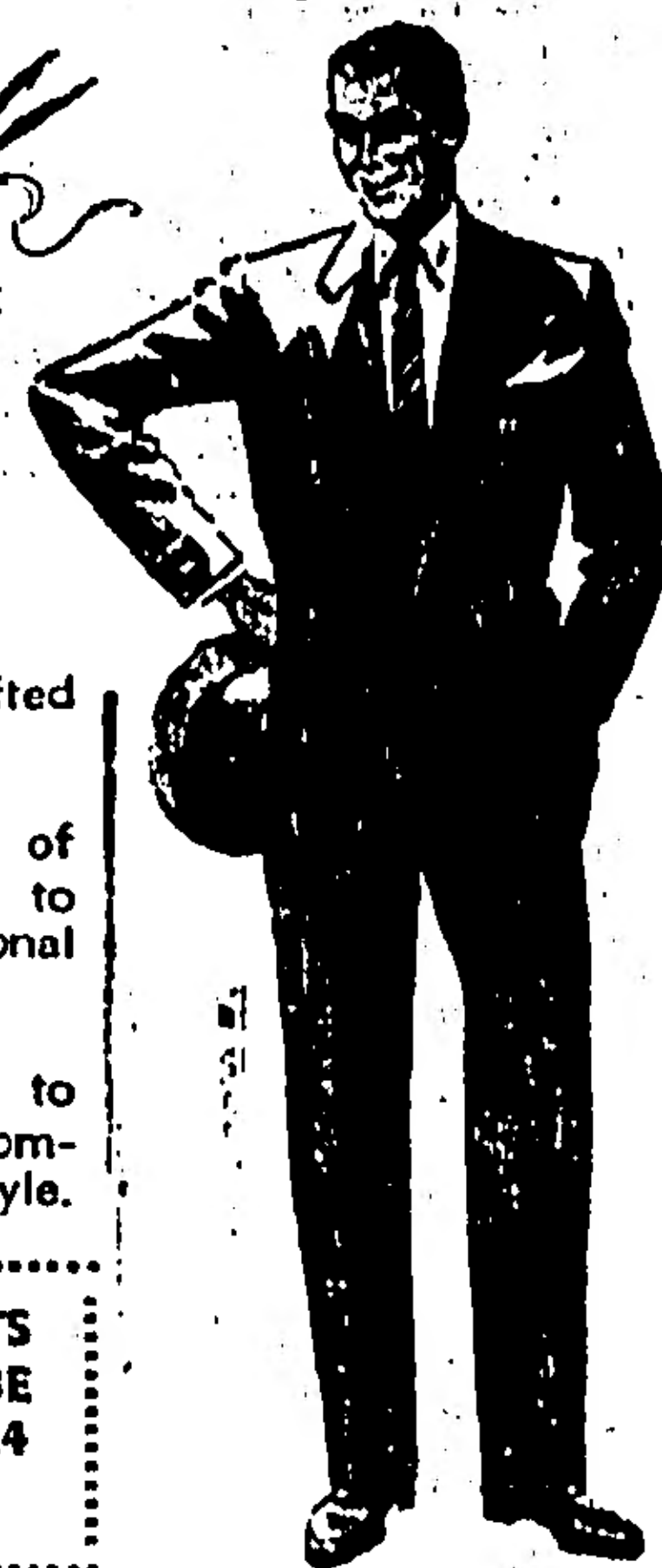
The Queen said in her speech at Rotorua: "I hope that you will always hold fast to your own language and culture, your arts and crafts, and that you will always cherish the traditions which have been handed down from your forefathers."

The Maoris who have retained those traditions, knowing the honour in which the Queen is held among all their people, look on this as a new spur to restoring native pride to real meaning in practice.

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Sir John Sargent's portrait of Lady Louis Mountbatten as a girl. Sargent was the most fashionable portrait painter of the day. For Sir Ernest Cassel it was a favourite portrait of a favourite granddaughter.

NO, Mrs. MANN

This is NOT your bedtime story

IT is question time in the House of Commons. At the despatch box, the Minister, already hard pressed, sees with alarm an elderly woman rise to her feet from an opposition back bench.

He is not deceived by her apparent frailty. He knows that toughness, determination, the love of verbal battle, are concealed in that slight figure. Jean Mann is on the warpath.

Her slow, measured voice, with its strong Scots accent, is better known in all parts of the country than that of many a member of the Government. Jean Mann's name on the bill announcing a public meeting is enough to fill the hall.

This dynamic grandmother having retired a large family, did not sit back and consider herself old or finished. She was 50 when she entered the House of Commons. That was eight years ago.

Sleep is not easy

Every day she reaches Westminster at 6.30 and plunges with zest into the MP's daily round. She serves on committees in the morning, attends to her huge correspondence, interviews any visiting constituents, sees officials, serves on deputations.

The work goes on all the afternoon and evening (with a brief interval for dinner), listening to debates, speaking in



To-day

Jean Mann.
Age 64.
Profession: MP for Coatbridge.
Family: Married, three sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren.
Activities: House of Commons, political work.
Smoking: 18-20 cigarettes a day, would like to cut it down to 10.
Drinks: No spirits, an occasional sherry.
Health rating: 22.

ening to debates, speaking in them. If she is lucky, she gets away by 11 o'clock—and so to bed. And to sleep?

This is not always so easy. The dole she has been listening to still goes on in her head. What about relaxation at week-ends? For a politician there is very little. Mrs Mann may be addressing a public meeting on Friday night, opening a sale of work on Saturday, and speaking again on Sunday. And these engagements may be anywhere in the country.

At least once a month she spends Sunday in her Coatbridge constituency, but she counts herself lucky if she can spend the whole week-end at home, divided between her Glasgow house and her cottage at Kilmegon, 30 miles away.

To do so, she takes the mid-night train to Glasgow on Friday, flies back to London on Monday morning.

How many women half her age could lead such a full life and show so little strain? But it is the tempo of her life—judging her chance of longevity.

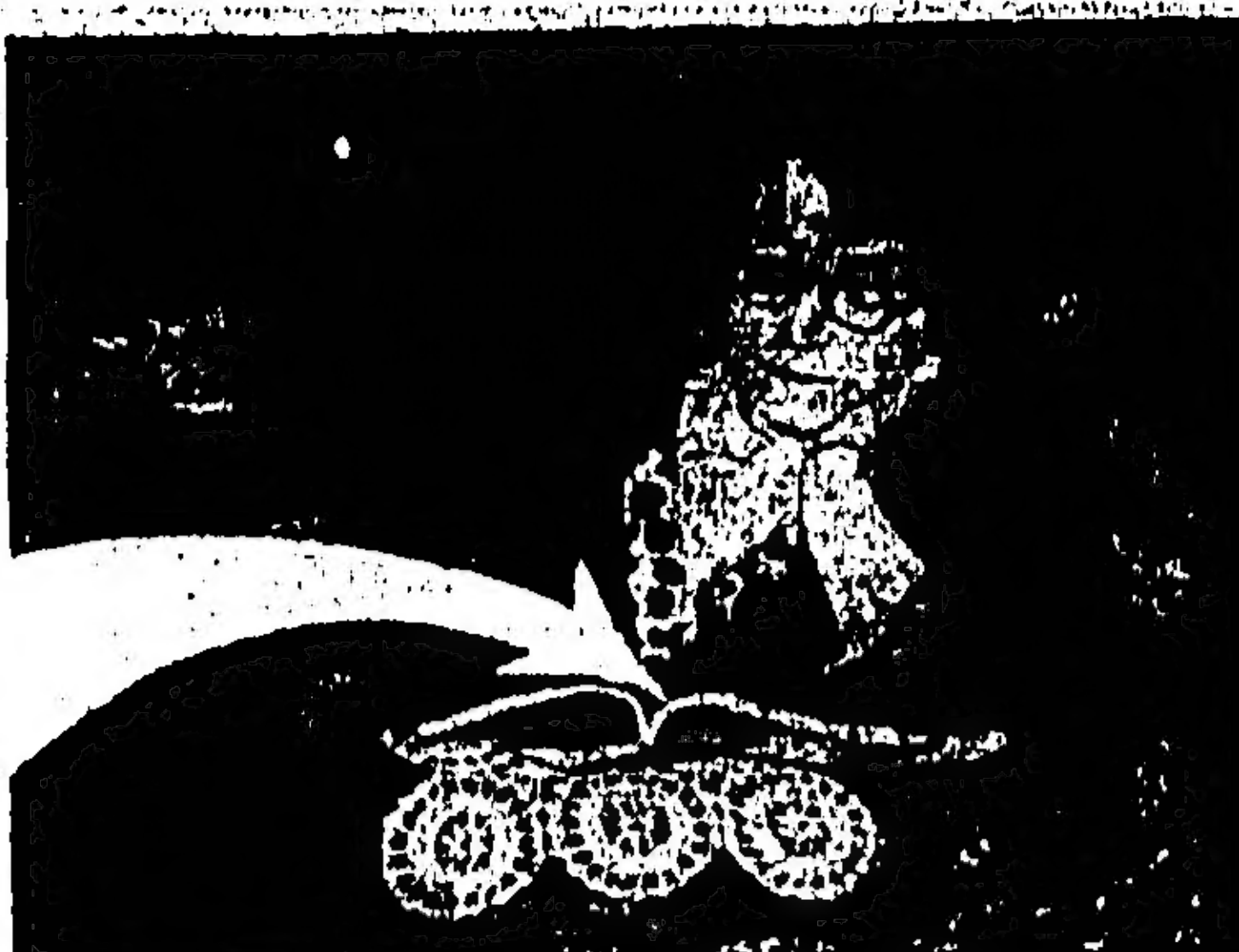
The answer of the medical board is, No. It is partly to her wide and absorbing interests that she owes her continued youth.

Indeed, if she had not been a Member of Parliament, the best advice we could have given her would have been to become one. And, if that had not been possible, we should have said, take up some other occupation, even if it's not politics, even if it's only for a few hours a day.

So many women of Mrs Mann's age, having brought up a family and seen their marry and bring up families of their own, feel that they have played their part. They can find nothing to fill the void in their lives.

They look ahead

If Mrs Mann had not already been deeply involved in public affairs, she could have taken up a career for which there is still a great need, and still too few helpers. Even a hobby like gardening would have supplied



THE DEBATES are over—Mrs. Mann is back in her Kensington rooms. Now is the time when she should take up a light novel to relax while by the fire—not feed her racing mind with still more speeches from Hansard. Sleep will never come that way.

the outside interest which is so essential to fill the vacuum in the lives of elderly people, if they are to keep their mental alertness and bodily vigour.

Indeed, gardening is an excellent occupation for older people. It keeps their minds from dwelling with regret on the passing of time. It focuses their attention on the future, so that they look forward with positive pleasure to the passing of the seasons, and to the new joys of the garden which each one brings.

But although the board believe that it is her active life that keeps Mrs Mann so young, there are some changes she ought to make.

Members of the board would like to see her take things just a little more easily. All women of her age ought to go to bed for an hour after lunch. Mrs Mann says that, for an active MP, that is out of the question every day.

The board recognise this fact. But the need for her to build up her energy is still there. Therefore, she must do it earlier in the day. Let Mrs Mann have her breakfast in bed, reading the papers if she wants to.

It is not surprising that Mrs Mann finds it difficult to go straight off to sleep when she arrives home after a debate. Her brain is still active, her mind alert.

Milk important

Don't go to bed the moment you arrive home, Mrs Mann. Don't read White Papers last thing at night. Sit down in a comfortable armchair with a novel, or other light reading. After half an hour take a hot milk drink. There go to bed—and to sleep.

That milk drink is important. Older people must get adequate amounts of good protein and of calcium. The bones become weaker with increasing years, and calcium is essential to maintain their strength.

The easiest way to take it is by means of liberal quantities of milk (at least a pint daily) and of cheese.

Fruit and vegetables will help to maintain general health and tone.

The board is not happy about the question of exercise. Mrs Mann says she gets all she needs walking up and down stairs at Westminster.

But that is not the same as walking in the fresh air. A total of an hour should be enough in the sixties, but it should be regular.

Is there anything else that stands between Mrs Mann and her 100th birthday? She thinks there might be. It would not be true to say that anything alarms Jean Mann. But many elderly people do feel some concern about the effects of the London smog.

Indeed, fog is the reason for that cottage in Kilmegon. Her husband is a bronchial sufferer. He endured agonies in the fogs of Glasgow, and has been ordered to live in the country.

No need to worry

Is the London variety likely to have any ill-effects on Mrs Mann and other men and women over 60?

Mrs Mann has no need for concern. Only if she suffered from bronchial trouble would she have to take precautions. In that case she would have to stay indoors in foggy weather, close the windows, and keep the room warm. That is essential for all bronchial sufferers.

But there is no question of Mrs Mann having bronchial trouble. And no need for her to worry.

If Mrs Mann derives any comfort from a smog mask, she can wear one by all means. But mask or no mask, let her go about her duties without fear of the consequences.

The overall view of the medical board is that Mrs Mann's regime is, with the exceptions she has noted, the best one for her. She is an outstanding candidate for the hundredth birthday stakes.

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YOUR THREE-MINUTE CHECK-UP

The grandmother: Age group over 60
If you are a grandmother of over 60 tick the answers applicable to you and then read the key below.

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| 1 (a) I have many outside interests which keep me active. | 7 (a) I am mentally alert. |
| (b) I have at least one hobby. | (b) I find mental work a strain. |
| (c) I have no hobbies. | (c) My mental reactions are very sluggish. |
| 2 (a) I sleep very soundly. | 8 (a) I never feel dizzy. |
| (b) I sleep fairly soundly. | (b) I sometimes feel dizzy. |
| (c) I suffer from insomnia. | (c) I often feel dizzy. |
| 3 (a) I can relax easily. | 9 (a) I never have cramp in my legs. |
| (b) I find it hard to relax. | (b) I sometimes have it. |
| (c) I cannot relax. | (c) I often have it. |
| 4 (a) My digestion is good. | 10 (a) I never have headaches. |
| (b) I occasionally have indigestion. | (b) I sometimes have headaches. |
| (c) I suffer from chronic dyspepsia. | (c) I often have headaches. |
| 5 (a) My memory is good. | 11 (a) I never catch colds. |
| (b) My memory is not as good as it was. | (b) I throw off colds quickly. |
| (c) I am very forgetful. | (c) I get colds which linger. |
| 6 (a) I never feel my heart thump. | 12 (a) I don't get breathless too often. |
| (b) My heart thumps occasionally. | (b) I tend to get more breathless than I did. |
| (c) It often thumps. | (c) The slightest exertion makes me breathless. |

COUNT two points for (a) answers, one for (b) answers and nil for (c). Total up and check below.
Over 18 points: Good. 12-18 points: Average. Under 12 points: Poor. If your answers to questions 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 are (c), you should see a doctor.

DEADLY WEDLOCK : Last day

So I talked to her of —MURDER



NICKIE, a famous model, discovers that her husband Dr. BRISTOL ROBERTS has murdered LYDIA CLIFFORD. As she cannot give evidence against him while still his wife she decides to divorce him—and send him to the gallows. She knows that if he guesses her plan he will kill her too. Inspector RAYNER, of Scotland Yard, questions her about Lydia Clifford's death. Nickie goes to Bristol's house, thinking it empty, to find evidence against him. She is surprised by EDNA VANE, who is in love with Bristol.

"I knew that Mrs Roberts intended to reveal something about Doctor Roberts once she obtained her divorce," said Edna Vane, "but I thought it was spite and mischief-making. I did not know until last night, my lord, it was something much graver than that."

As Bristol's counsel bobbed up again, the judge said softly: "Sit down, Mr Hamblen, and let the witness tell her story."

"Last night," said Edna Vane, "I came back to Doctor Roberts's surgery and found Mrs Roberts in my room. She had my negligee in her hand..."

JUDGMENT

NOT without emotion, slowly, simply, she went over the whole story. I looked down to see what effect it was having on Bristol.

But Bristol was not there. Nor was Inspector Rayner. Bristol's counsel, bewildered and uncertain, looked round for his client and then said, lamely: "In the circumstances, my lord, may I ask for an adjournment?"

The judge said, suavely: "In the circumstances, Mr Hamblen, I do not think an adjournment is necessary. This is a case in which a young married woman has come forward and charged her husband with the murder of a woman, and given examples of it. I found her case eloquent, sincere, and convincing."

He paused, then continued: "On the other hand I came to the conclusion, on listening to her husband's rebuttal, that he was charming, clever, but a most accomplished and consummate liar. I have had no doubt, from the start of the case, which person, the petitioner or the respondent, has told the truth."

"The statements made by Nurse Vane are sensational, and no doubt they have been taken notice of in the proper quarter. But I must make it clear that her evidence has made no difference whatsoever to my decision. Without considering a decision, she has said, I have no hesitation in awarding a decree nisi to the petitioner. With costs, of course," he added, "against the respondent should he be in a position to pay them."

POLICE CALL

IT was early afternoon when I came into Fleet Street and turned my back, for what I hoped was the last time, on the Law Courts.

The newspaper sellers were shouting the late editions. "Divorce court scandal," cried one of them. But it was not about my case. There was not much they could print about Roberts versus Roberts, for the judgment had been brief and enigmatic.

As I stepped on to the pavement and looked round for a taxi, a police car drew up. An officer jumped out and saluted.

"Mrs Roberts," he said, "we have just had a call over the radio. Could you come with us and make a statement?"

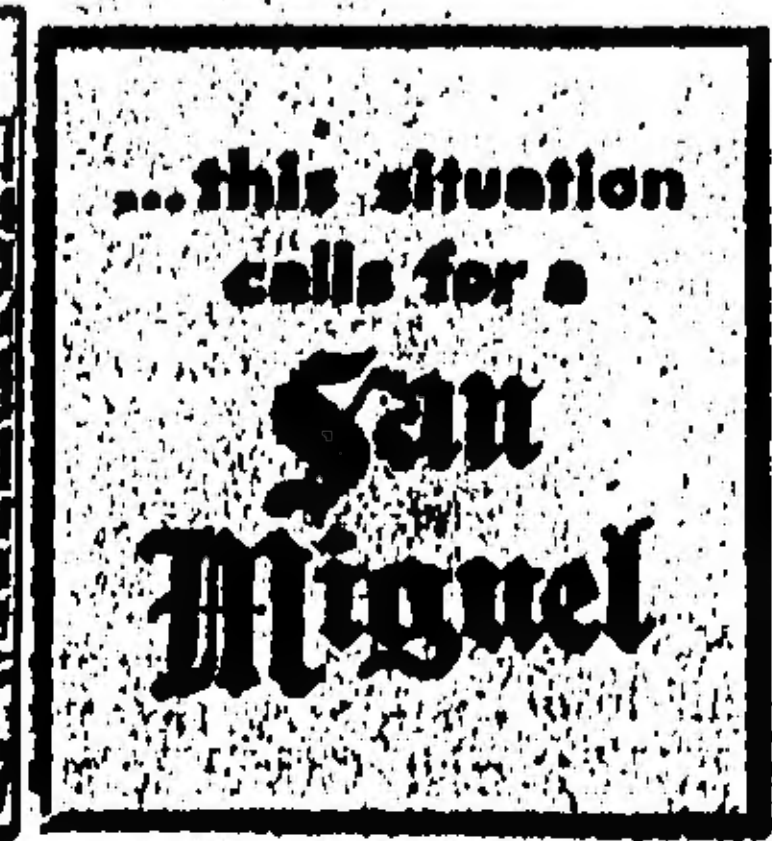
Just then Edna Vane appeared. "You too, Nurse Vane," said the policeman. "We want you to tell us something more about what you said in court. There is also the question of identifying a body. Doctor Bristol Roberts has killed himself."

At which Edna Vane and I simultaneously reached out our hands and clutched each other. I should have felt happy that it was all over. Instead of which, I burst into tears. And Edna Vane was crying too.

THE END

By Frank Robbins

JOHNNY HAZARD



Simon—the baffling man who split the Liberal Party

★ He talked with Hitler but he was the wrong man for the job

THE death of Viscount Simon marks the passing of a man who attained brilliance without greatness, a man who achieved eminence in politics and the law, yet never captured the imagination or the affection of the public.

The cold perfection of his mind dominated his character and made him distrust emotionalism of any kind. It was said of him that he was the only John who was never called Jack. It would have taken a brave man to have done it.

Yet he had two enthusiasms which do not fit into this picture at all. He was so fond of cricket that he could give the scores and names of players in county matches that had taken place twenty years back.

His other enthusiasm was golf, which he played meticulously, almost legalistically. If a putt just failed to drop into the hole he would look at the ball as if it were trying to deceive the jury. When he hit a good drive he would walk towards his ball with springy steps.

It was a sad day for him when he realised that his golfing days were done.

John Simon was essentially a man of paradox. In the Law Courts he revealed a flawless mind, a mind that cut through sham and artifice. He never spoke nor wrote. He could always find the word to express his thoughts.

Theatre was outlet

Yet at the theatre, which he loved, he would wax enthusiastic over mediocre acting and authorship. The theatrical setting fascinated him, and the footlights blinded him to imperfections.

Perhaps in the theatre he found an outlet for his concealed emotionalism.

Simon was born in 1878, the son of a Congregational minister and was christened John Allanbrook. He was educated at Eton College, Edinburgh, and then advanced upon Oxford with the step of a man who knows

By BEVERLEY BAXTER, MP

that life's prizes will not be denied him.

He was tall, slim and distinguished in appearance, but his voice and his manner probably chilled the warm approach of friendship.

In a short time he had impressed the Oxford Union, and eventually became its president. The late Lord Birkenhead was a contemporary and there is a legend that they tossed a coin to decide who would join the Liberal Party and who the Tories, because there was not room for them both in the same party.

At any rate it was as a Liberal that Simon entered the House of Commons in 1900.

The drama of Parliament fascinated him from the very beginning. To him the floor of the House was a stage lit by the limelight of history. Not even the Courts of Law could supply such a setting.

Yet in those long years, until he became Lord Chancellor and went to the Upper House in 1944, he failed to achieve the supreme Parliamentary success that he craved. He was never incoherent, he was never intoxicated with the sound of words, he was never, or rarely emotional.

We listened to him as a barrister pleading a case, rather than as a politician. Perhaps unfairly, we felt that having put his case to the House that he could have then crossed the floor and demolished it without any trouble—and without a quail of conscience.

Yet he was a man of the strictest honour, a man incapable of any action that would infringe moral or legal standards. Unhappily, he gave the impression to the House that he felt only with the mind and never with the heart. To him logic was the only ladder to truth, and exposition a declaration of faith.

In 1931 he and Leslie Hore-Beaumont split the Liberal Party and led a group of Liberal Nationals pledged to work with the Tories. The Liberal Party was doomed in any case, for the Socialists had become a natural alternative to the Conservative Party.

Stanley Baldwin swept the country with his National Government and appointed Sir John Simon to the post of Foreign Secretary.

It was a strange decision in many ways, but at least we had a man at the Foreign Office who would bring intellectual clarity to his task.

It was Simon who told the House that the time had come to end the Anglo-Japanese Alliance because America had emerged as a great power and the alliance was no longer a necessary one to our advantage. He may have been right, but there were many of us who felt that bad things would follow.

It was Simon who went to Berlin to talk with Hitler and thus set the pattern that the great men of the West would go to the parvenu dictator and thus build up his glory in the eyes of the faithful. Simon was the wrong man for the job. It was with a sense of relief that we heard in 1935 that he was to become deputy leader of the House.

Two years later he was made Chancellor of the Exchequer, and finally in 1940 he reached his natural goal and became Lord Chancellor and a viscount.

Perhaps as we study this baffling enigmatic figure we should realise how deeply he was affected by his first wife's death. He was very much in love with her and her death after only three years of marriage was a terrible blow to him.

Warmth for two

In 1917 he married an Irish lady, who survives him. Lady Simon is as Irish now as she was then and her homely good nature supplied warmth enough for both of them.

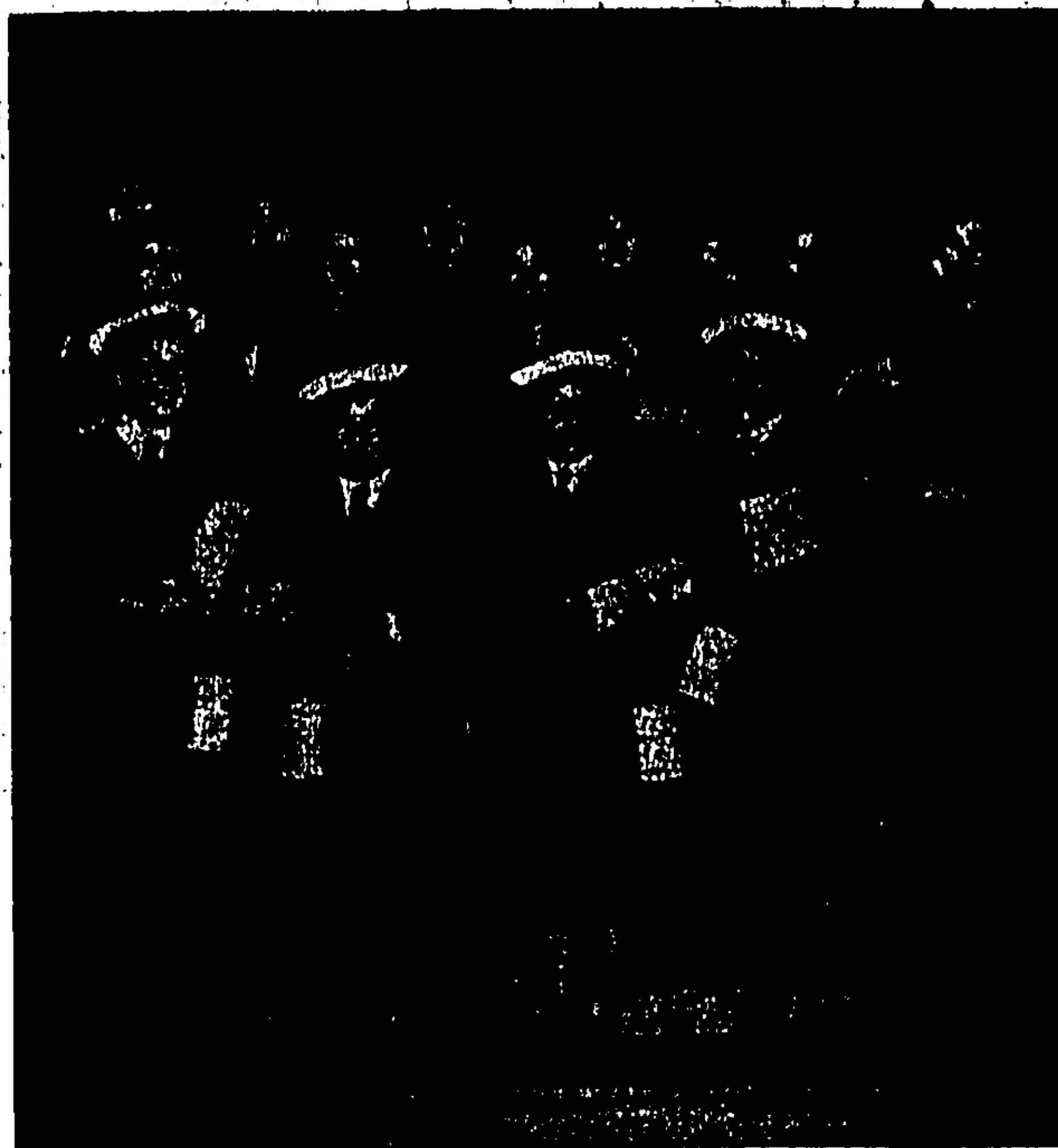
I realise that this is a portrait which does not reveal the whole man. There was a gentleness about John Simon that sometimes touched the heart. In his country place at Wallon Heath where I often visited him for a day's golf, he could not have been a more considerate host.

His intellect added glory to the legal profession. His personal sacrifice in giving up the law for politics was a heavy one.

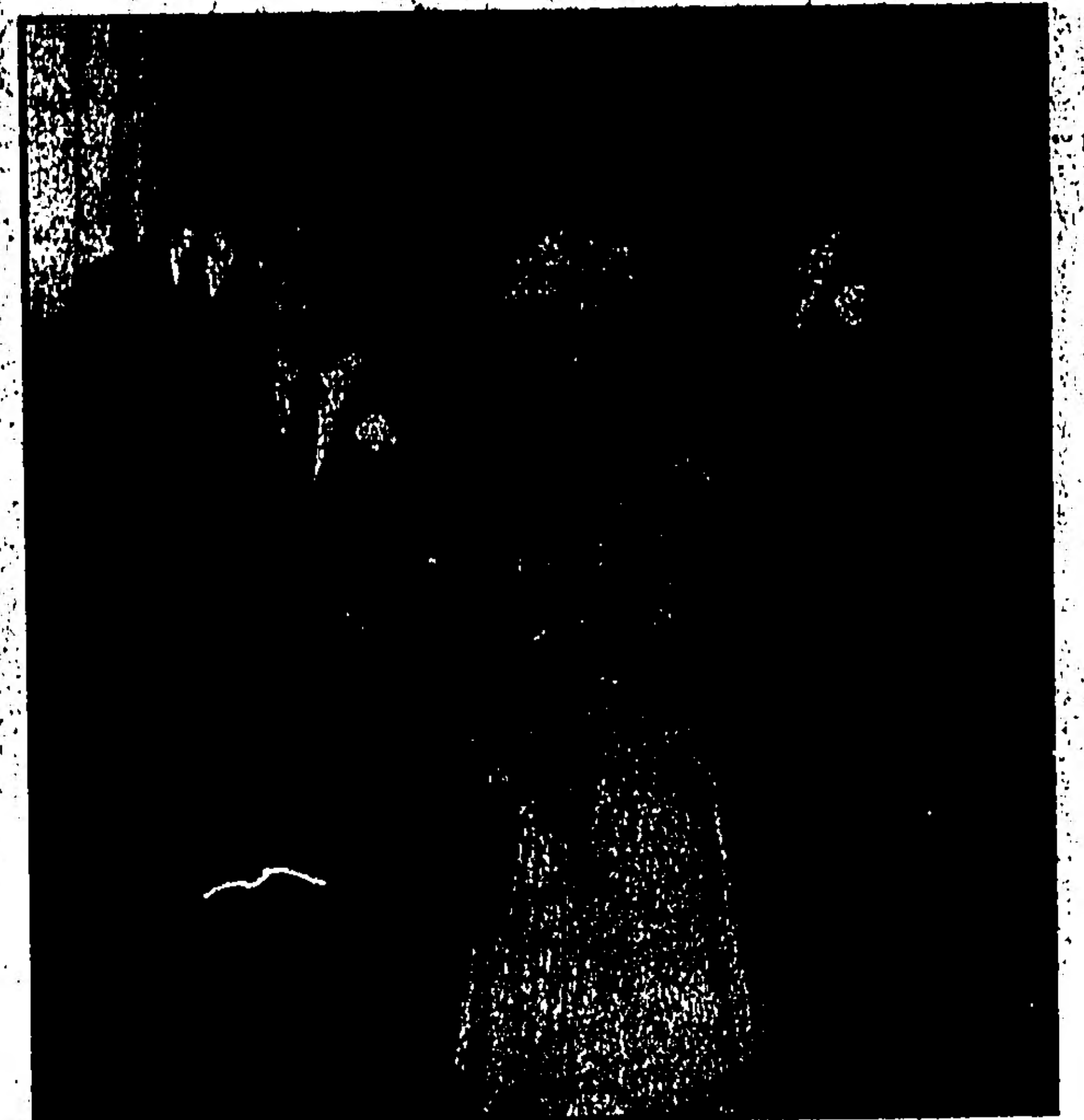
But at some moment in his formative years he must have been hurt by something or somebody. There was a breastplate that protected his heart from wounds but also kept it from kindly human contact. In the land of the mind he was an prisoner.



HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, opened the new Maxwell Memorial Medical Centre at the Hay Ling Chau Leprosarium last Saturday. The building is named after the late Dr J. L. Maxwell, pioneer worker for lepers in China. His Excellency is seen presenting a memento to Dr N. D. Fraser, Secretary of the Mission to Lepers, Hongkong Auxillary, and Superintendent of the Leprosarium. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of the Hongkong Women's Naval Volunteer Reserve and the Hongkong Women's Auxillary Army Corps who sold programmes at last week's premiere of the film, "Genevieve," at the Lee Theatre, in aid of Earl Haig's Fund. (Staff Photographer)



MR Paul Dunworth and his bride, formerly Miss Michaela McKell, smile happily for the camera on leaving St Margaret's Church, Happy Valley, after their wedding last week. (Staff Photographer)



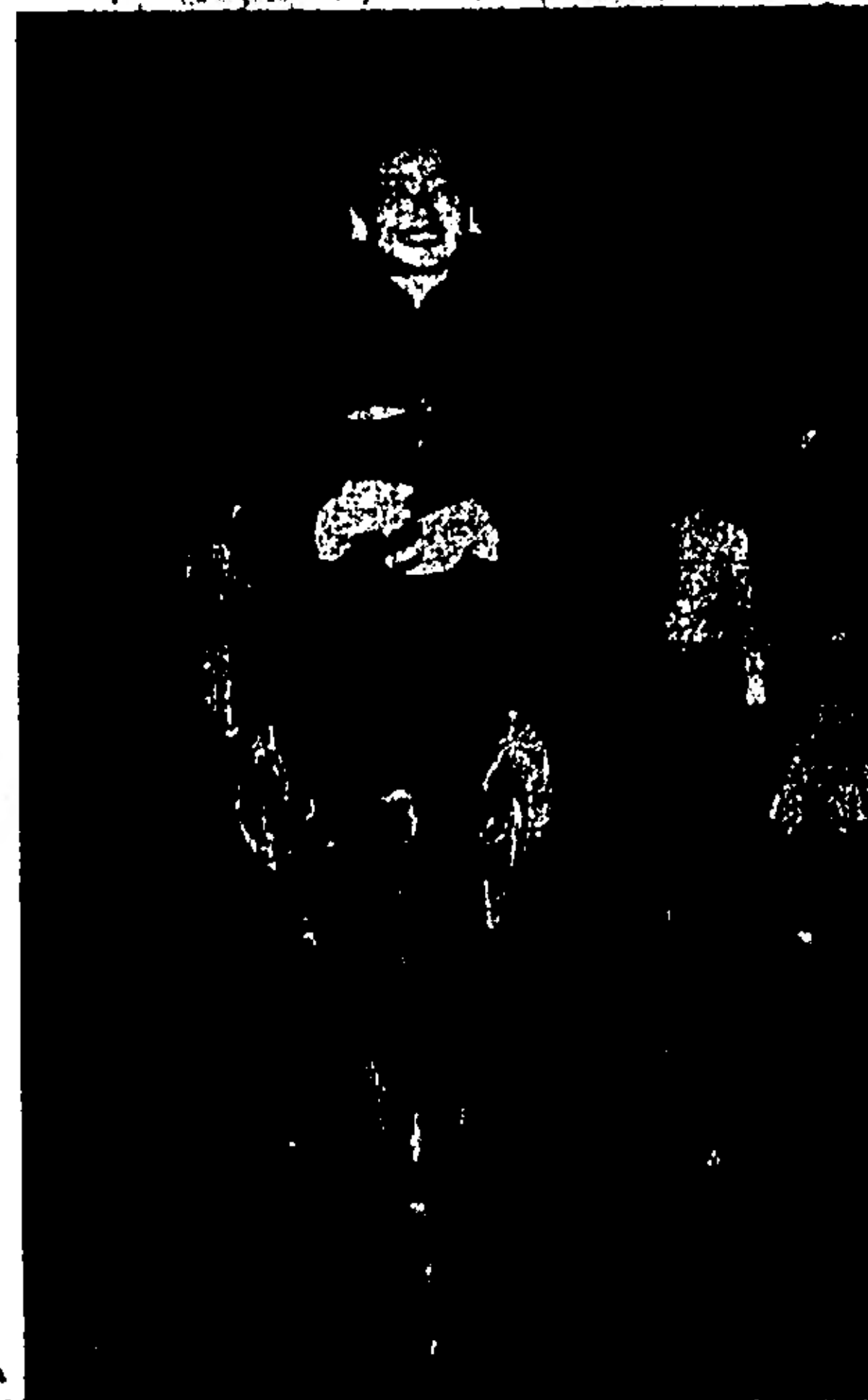
SEVERAL Servicemen were among those confirmed at St Andrew's Church last Sunday by the Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt Rev. R. O. Hall. (Staff Photographer)



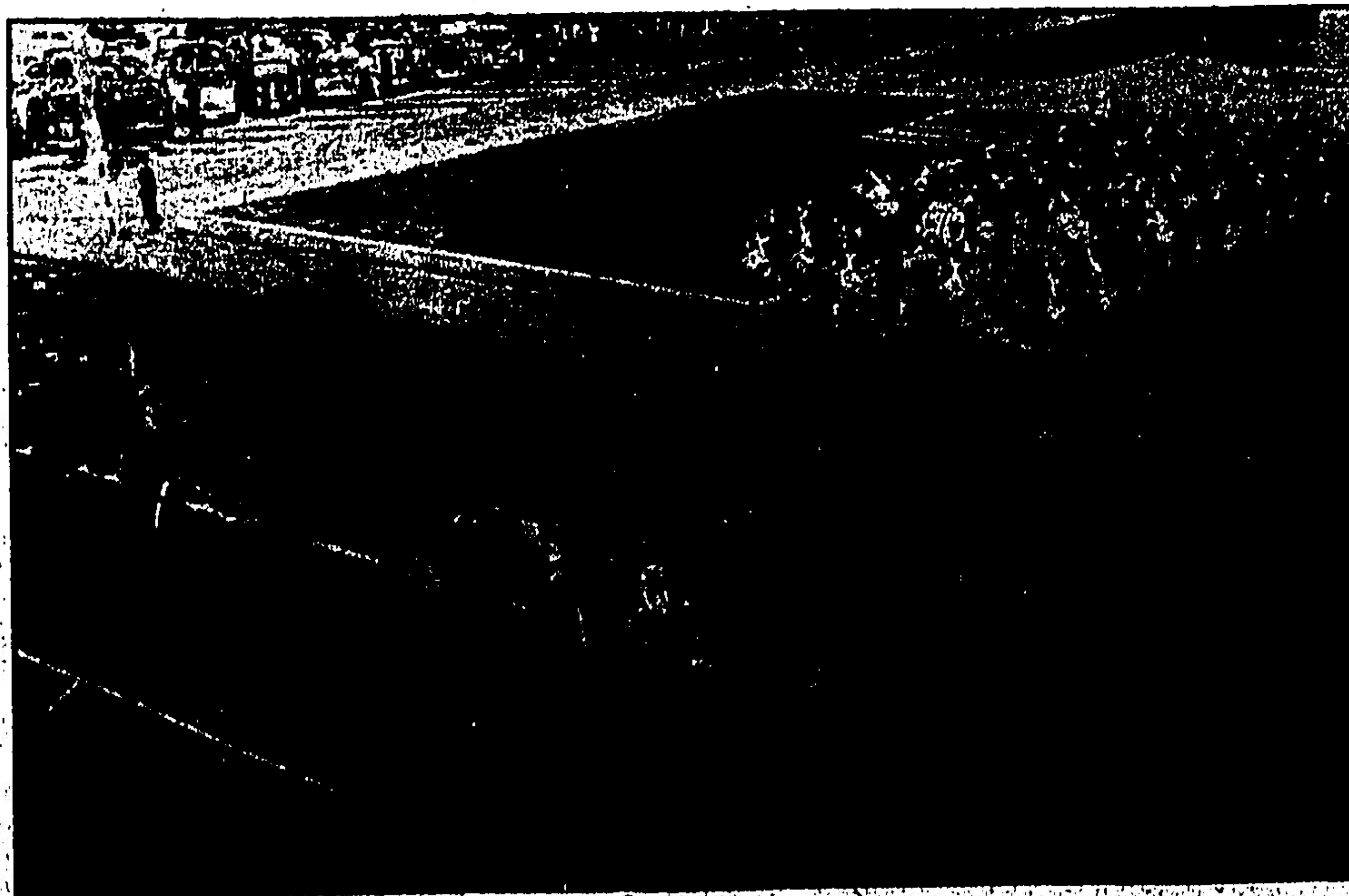
LAST week-end's motor rally was the ninth one organised by the Hongkong Automobile Association, and was a big success. The winner of the Alex Ross trophy for the best performance was Mr D. C. J. Banfield, who drove an MG. He is seen above receiving the award from Mrs Eva Pearce. Miss Yvonne Mok (left) won the coveted Grand Prix d'Honneur in the Concours d'Elegance. On the right is another snapshot of the Concours, showing Mrs Jean Lam and her Alvis sports. Top right picture shows the start of the road runs in Kowloon. (Staff Photographer)



PICTURE taken after the christening last Sunday at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, of the infant daughter of Major and Mrs R. J. P. Blyth, RAMC. (Mae Cheung)



BELOW: The Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice T. J. Gould, inspects a guard of honour from The Welch Regiment drawn up facing the Supreme Court during Monday's ceremonial opening of the Assizes for 1954. Mr Justice Gould deputised for the Chief Justice, who was indisposed. (Staff Photographer)



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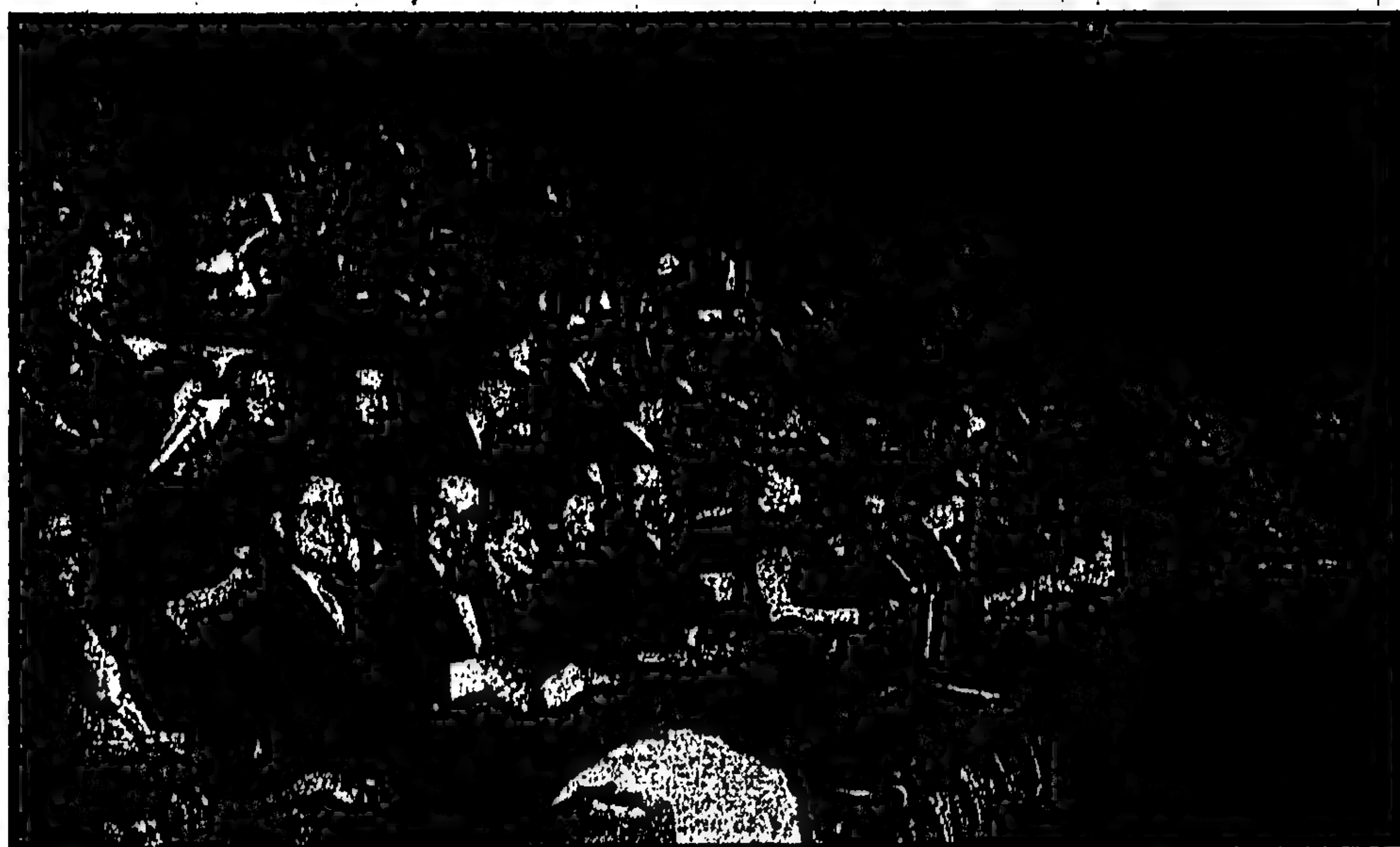
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THE large audience, headed by His Excellency the Governor, which attended the premiere of the film, "Cry The Beloved Country," a adapted from the novel by Alan Paton. The premiere was in aid of the St James Settlement and Church. (Staff Photographer)



RIGHT: General d'Armee Clement Blanc, Chief of Staff of the French Army, replies to a reporter's questions during a flying visit to Hong-kong this week. (International)



MRS William Choy, wife of the President of King's College Old Boys' Association, presenting prizes at the annual dance of the Association last Saturday. (Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Mr A. Spary, who is retiring from the Public Works Department after 30 years' service, receiving from the Director of Public Works, the Hon. T. L. Bowring, a farewell gift from his colleagues. (Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs Alex Dobry leaving the Ohel Loah Synagogue after their wedding last Sunday. The bride was Miss Kitty Marjorie Elloxer. (Staff Photographer)



FAMILY group taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral last Sunday of Philip Alexander, infant son of Mr and Mrs F. H. Fell. (Ming Yuen)



MR P. Y. Wong receiving a supporter's pin from the Hon. C. E. Terry, President of the Boy Scouts Kowloon Local Association, at the opening of the Kowloon District Headquarters last week. (Staff Photographer)

LEFT: Wedding picture taken at the Rosary Church last Saturday of Flying Officer Colin Holman, RAF, and Miss Alison Margaret Ure. (Staff Photographer)

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MR J. P. Curralho, Colony chess champion, is presented with the trophy by Mrs. K. M. A. Barnett at the annual dinner of the Kowloon Chess Club on Thursday. (Staff Photographer)

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So now pack up your troubles

By Shirley Lowe

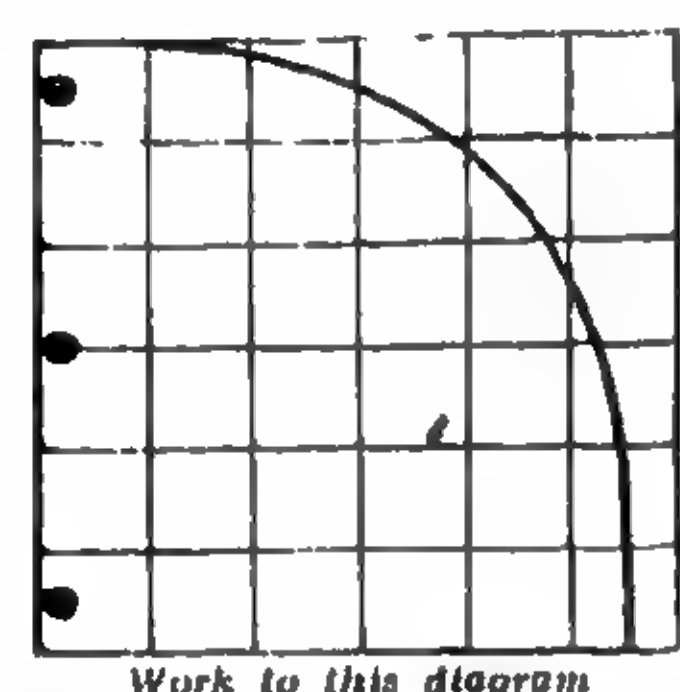
ANY woman who packs a bottle of make-up, boxes of powder, or phials of perfume loose in her suitcase, is asking for trouble.

The foundation cream will leak over her favourite clothes, the perfume will drip slowly away and the powder will spray out over the only black thing in the suitcase.

Travelling bags can be costly, but here is a bag you can make yourself very cheaply.

You will need half a yard of taffeta, 30ins. wide; one-third of a yard of plastic, 36ins. wide; one-third of a yard of stiff canvas, 36ins. wide; one and a half yards of piping cord, and one zip fastener 20ins. long.

Make your pattern from the



Work to this diagram
diagram (one square equals 1in.), with the solid spots marking the edge to be placed to the fold of the fabric.

Six pieces

Now here are the cutting directions—allow half-inch seams all round for each pattern piece.

BAG—Cut six pieces from the pattern (two in taffeta, two in plastic, two in canvas).

GUSSET—Cut three pieces 30ins. x 4ins. (one in taffeta, one in plastic, one in canvas).

POCKET—Cut one piece 4½ins. x 12ins. from plastic



Here's just the thing for trouble-free travel. It's cheap, and you can make it in an evening.

BANDS FOR BOTTLES.—Cut two pieces 14½ins. x 1in. from plastic.

HANDLES.—Cut two pieces 27ins. x 1½ins. from taffeta. Cut piping cord in half.

And here are the sewing directions (half-inch seams have been allowed).

1 At the centre of the canvas gusset cut out a rectangle 20ins. by ¾in. Down the centre of the taffeta gusset cut a slit, 20ins. long, cutting diagonally at each end.

2 Place the canvas gusset to the wrong side of the taffeta gusset. Turn raw edges of taffeta over canvas and press.

3 Place the zip to the centre of the wrong side of the gusset and machine stitch in position.

4 Place a canvas bag section to the wrong side of the taffeta bag section. Repeat with other bag section.

5 Join the short ends of the gusset and place the gusset to the bag sections, right sides together, having the seam of the

gusset at the centre of the straight edge of the bag. Bast.

6 Unzip the zip and machine stitch the gusset in position.

Two pockets

7 Turn in one long edge of the plastic pocket and stitch.

8 Place the wrong side of the pocket to the right side of one plastic bag section, having the straight raw edge of the pocket to the straight edge of the bag. Stitch in position.

9 Fold the plastic bands in half lengthwise. Stitch the raw edges together.

10 Stitch the ends of one band to each raw edge on the right side of the other plastic bag section 1½in. up from the straight edge. Stitch the band down in two places to form three loops.

11 Stitch the other plastic band in the same way, 1in. above the first.

12 Stitch the plastic gusset to the plastic bag sections.

13 Sit down the centre of the gusset the length of the zip and ¾in. wide.

14 Place the wrong side of the plastic to the canvas and all-stitch the plastic in position right round the bag.

The handles

15 Fold one taffeta handle in half lengthwise, right sides together. Stitch a sufficient distance from the fold for the cord to be inserted. Turn the taffeta right side out and pull the cord through handle. Finish ends off neatly.

16 Slip-stitch handles to the gusset, at the foot of the bag on either side of the zip.

17 Work a buttonhole loop over each handle, 4ins. up from the foot of the bag, to hold in position.

CONTROL AND AFFECTION AID PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP

By GARRY C. MYERS, Ph.D.

SOME mothers write me pouring out their remorse over failing to love an only child or a particular child of a group of several children.

They may not have wanted this child in the first place or had dreamed of a child very different from the one he is—of a boy instead of a girl or vice versa, of a girl with wavy, fluffy hair instead of straight coarse hair.

Or more often the reason is that the child, so often vexes the mother, and causes her to shriek often at him, rarely speaking and feeling loving toward him.

One mother wrote, for instance, that every night when she puts her three-year-old to bed and peeps in on him asleep a little later, she resolves that she will always be loving to him from then on, and never again will shriek at him and feel vexed at him.

The next morning the youngster is barely up before he's annoying her no end, and she's shouting at him in ugly tones and words. Then as she pauses during the day to reflect, she's overwhelmed again with remorse.

This mother hardly enjoys any progress by making new resolves and then condemning herself on failure to carry them out.

Her first problem is to plan an effective programme of control by which he will learn, without doubt, that there are a few definite things he must not do, so that a quiet, no, uttered once, will suffice to restrain him when that is necessary.

Then she won't feel occasion to shriek at him repeatedly. As you know, when a youngster has not learned to accept a necessary forbidding with finality, the forbidding is repeated, each time a bit more.

Household hints

When washing corduroy, never friction, rub or crumple it in your hand. Sections of the garment which are especially soiled, such as cuffs and collar, should be gently gone over with a soft brush dipped in warm soapsuds, before immersing the whole garment in soapsuds. Don't scrub too hard, however, as it will damage the pile of corduroy.

A homemade paste for wall-papering is made by mixing flour and water to a thin smooth paste. Heat until boiling, then add a little powdered alum and boil until mixture is the right thickness.

Always open the door to the oven first, before turning on gas to light oven burners.

inclusively with more anger back of it, bringing more anger and resistance from the youngster.

The mother needs to cultivate positive reactions to this child and ways of sliding up the best in him, celebrating his successes. With the deck cleared of the usual vexations, she can find more occasions to enjoy listening to what he says and does, answering his questions and enjoying him.

Even then, how is she going to make herself feel affection for him? She can't do it merely by resolving to have more of such feeling. But she can practice at doing and saying what will make him feel more loving toward her, and in turn, bring out more loving words, tones and feelings of affection from her.

The same principle applies in

our efforts to be less often and less strongly angry at the school-age child when we are helping him with his lessons or with learning to do something about the home. While we may, with great effort, hold in check our words and voice, we can't get far as long as we have pent-up emotions inside.

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If we can understand the child better, and imagine ourselves in his place, seeing a little as he sees, understanding and feeling as he does, we can be more loving with him. We reduce our anger at him and increase our affection for him as we practice in ways to reduce his anger toward us and increase his affection for us. Of course, we can't do this overnight. It's a long patient uphill pull.

Tasty Hollanders' Apple Pancakes

By Ida Bailey Allen

"REGARDEZ the big apple pancakes so many customers are ordering for luncheon, Madame!"

"With a cup of coffee, one pancake would be enough to make a light meal for two persons, Chef. Let's order it."

"But first I would like to try the hors d'oeuvres. They may be just what our readers would like to serve for a change."

The hors d'oeuvres came on a big silver platter. In the centre were halved tomatoes topped with minced potato-herring salad. Around this were halved stuffed eggs with anchovy fillets tucked under the stuffing, and one-and-a-half-inch sections of seasoned cucumber topped with a curl of smoked salmon. These were ringed with small balls of liver-onion pate; crescent sections of avocado stuffed with tuna salad; celery sticks stuffed with Roquefort cheese, and water cress.

"These pancakes look like huge mushrooms turned upside down, Chef. Just smell the fragrance of the cinnamon and sugar browned in butter. What a grand dessert!"

The Chef tasted reflectively, and announced: "There are two schools of thought on making these European apple pancakes, Madame. The Central Europeans use plenty of eggs and beat like mad to make the pancakes light and puffy. The Hollanders start with a sponge made with a

little yeast to make it light, and proceed with less beating. I understand this method is used here. Shall we feature apple pancake in our dinner?"

Dinner

Holland Hors d'Oeuvres
Broiled Chicken, Beccaris
Paralised Potatoes
Cauliflower Hollandaise
Big Apple Pancake Coffee

Heat 1½ c. milk until tepid; add ½ tsp. active dry yeast softened 3 min. in 1 tsp. water, 1 tsp. sugar, ½ tsp. salt, and 1/3 c. sifted flour; cover, and let stand in a warm place 20 min., or until bubbles form. Then add ½ c. flour and the beaten yolks of 8 eggs. Beat the whites stiff and fold in.

Next, melt 1/3 c. butter in a frying pan; turn to coat the bottom and sides. Do not let the butter brown. Remove from the heat; set in 1 tsp. granulated sugar and ½ tsp. cinnamon. Pour in 3 large tsp. batter; tilt the pan to spread up on the sides. Cook 1 min. at low heat. Have ready 3 cores, peeled, medium-sized tart apples sliced paper-thin; cover the pancakes with them. Spoon over 4 large tsp. butter and again tilt the pan to spread. When golden brown, flip over with a wide pancake turner to brown the other side. Dust with 1 extra tsp. granulated sugar and ½ tsp. cinnamon. Serve with butter and maple syrup, honey, and lemon wedges.

Trick From The Chef

Add a chopped hard-cooked egg, minced scallion and a few crushed caraway seeds to plain tossed mixed salad,

Greater Response to Pain Stimuli Doesn't Mean Lack of Courage

By W. W. Bauer, M.D.

PAIN, or one of its variations, is often what sends the patient to the doctor for relief. Sensations closely allied to pain include itching, discomfort, numbness or other abnormal feelings. Since pain demands relief, it is a beneficial thing. If pain were more common in early cancer, for example, the percentage of patients seeking relief while there was still a chance of cure, would be markedly increased.

WHAT IS PAIN

Pain is a sensation conveyed to the brain through the sensory nerves—those which transmit feeling. Nerves are highly differentiated structures; not all sensations reach the brain by the same nerve pathways. Sensations of temperature, heat and cold have their own route. Pressure sensations or the feeling of texture go another way. Muscle sensations, by which you know what your hands or feet are doing without looking at them, have still other pathways. And the motor impulses, which

stimulate the muscles to action, are carried along other specialized nerve routes. These pathways may be combined in some of the larger nerve trunks outside the brain and spinal cord, but within the central nervous system they pursue separate ways. This explains why there can be paralysis without disturbed sensation or vice versa.

Pain can be elusive and deceptive. Doctors learn to keep constantly in mind what is known as referred pain, which originates in one place but is felt somewhere else. The pain of the appendix is not always in the lower right areas of the abdomen, where that structure normally lies. Aside from the extremely rare person with organs reversed, whose heart beat is on the right and appendix on the left, and all other structures reversed, it is not uncommon to have pain on the left side of the abdomen from a right-sided appendix. The usual appendiceal pain starts in the "pit" of the stomach and is often mistaken by the victim for a

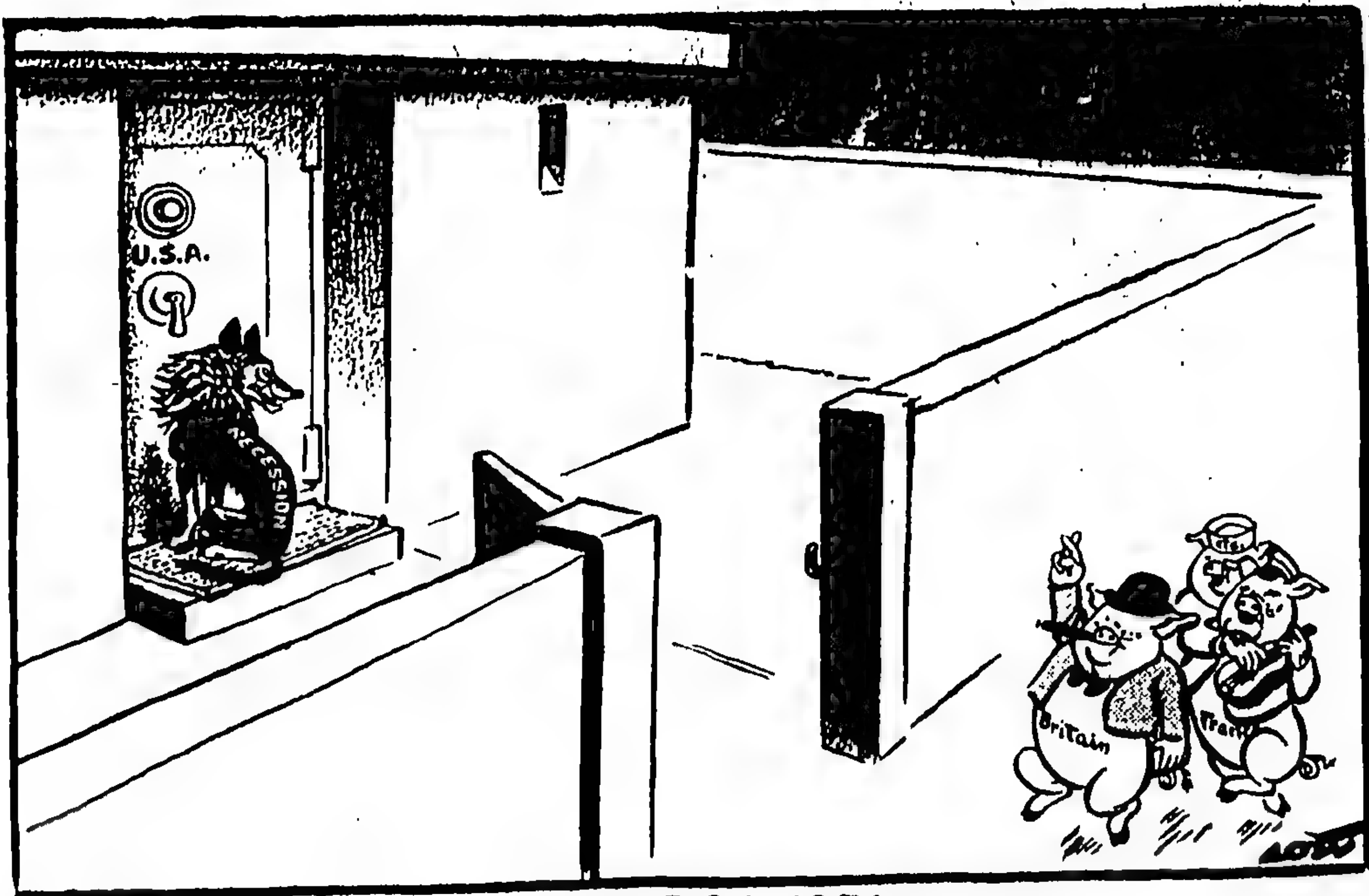
"stomach-ache." The stomach is an organ which is rarely the actual source of pain. In the days when pneumonia was much more prevalent than it is today, medical students were warned that pain is often referred from the lung to the abdomen, with possibilities of confusing pneumonia and appendicitis. Gall bladder disease is sometimes accompanied with pain felt in the vicinity of the shoulder.

NOT ALWAYS LOCAL

Pain is due to different varieties of stimulation, depending on where it occurs. The intestines, for example, are not painful when cut, but they protest at being stretched (as by gas) or being handled (as by surgery). Pressure and tickle blows are well-known sources of pain, but a swift cut with a sharp instrument is not painful until later. Swelling of tissues due to infections gives rise to pain. Tissue with special functions, such as vision and hearing, are sensitive respectively to excessive light or sound, notably by the retina.

Pain varies in intensity according to where the stimulus occurs. It is least in loose tissues where there is plenty of room for swelling; intense in hard tissues like bone. Various body areas vary in sensitivity to pain, depending on the number of sensitive nerve endings present. The extremities are the finger tips, which have no nerves (but the nail-beds have plenty!) and the finger tips or the sex organs, which are richly supplied with nerves.

The only intelligent response to pain is to seek its cause and get rid of it. Pain-killing drugs have legitimate use under medical direction. But it is illogical to "retieve" a headache that persists, for example, without seeking a cause which may be a serious condition, notably by the retina.



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THREE MEN WIN A "WAR"

By R. H. C. Steed

THE free world has been thrilled many times by the daring escapes of small groups of desperate men and women from behind the Iron Curtain.

They have seized aircraft in flight at pistol-point and landed in Western Germany. They have overpowered engine-drivers and driven trains at full speed across the frontier. They have crossed the lakes from the Soviet sector of Berlin into the Western sectors in heavy old pleasure steamboats under a hail of shots from the Communist "People's Police." They have even ploughed their way through barbed-wire frontier defences in bulldozers.

In all such cases there is the carefully laid plot, the reliance on some new audacity to outwit the Communist authorities, the short heroic dash that leads either to liberty or death. All these incidents prove, if proof were needed, that, in spite of the vast apparatus of the Communist States for the enslavement of body and spirit, the desire for freedom remains unbroken.

TWO FELL

AN escape epic of a different nature, and of quite unusual political significance, was that carried out by three young Czechs, aged between 20 and 22, who crossed the frontier into the Soviet zone of Germany on October 3, 1953, arriving in West Berlin on October 31. Two comrades who started with them fell under Communist police bullets on the way.

This was no sudden dash to freedom. It was a 28 days' struggle, on foot, against hunger, cold and exhaustion, and in the face of a hue and cry on a scale never before unleashed against quarry apparently so helpless and insignificant. The five young men spoke no German, had practically no food or money, and were armed with three old pistols and 52 rounds of ammunition. Their escape was soon discovered and their description circulated.

RUDE SHOCK

ON October 10, 1953, with still about 100 km. to go to Berlin, they were trapped near Cottbus by a platoon of police at a railway station, but shot their way out, killing a major, two lieutenants and a sergeant, and losing one of their number. It was a rude shock for the People's Police to encounter desperate young men, armed and determined to sell their lives dearly. Rather different from the usual job of de-bussing about 50 strong, before a workers' house, smashing down the door and dragging away an unarmed victim under the

muzzles of their tank-guns. The police did for cover, allowing the three unarmoured fugitives to escape.

From that day on it was a pitched battle between the East German regime with all the forces at its disposal, and four hungry young Czechs with their three pistols, and their score of remaining bullets. Ten thousand fully armed police and troops were called out, hunting the heels and footprints with bloodhounds and baring the way to Berlin. Rewards were put on the heads of the wanted men, posters with their pictures were put up in every town and village, and severe penalties were threatened for anyone helping them or withholding information about them.

WOUNDED

HUNDREDS of square kilometres of country were kept in almost as much of a turmoil as if a real war had been in progress. Wounded areas where the fugitives were thought to be hiding were surrounded and systematically raked with fire for hours at a time. This continued during the night, when the fringes of the woods were kept illuminated by army searchlights.

During one of these "saturation" attacks one of the young Czechs was so badly wounded that he could not move. He told his comrades to save themselves. For nearly three weeks the remaining three struggled on, living on raw potatoes and apples, hiding, marching, travelling short distances on the buffers of trains. Until at last they crawled under the barbed wire into West Berlin, one of them bleeding from bullet wounds in the stomach and hands.

Fatter Pigs From A-Research

By Kay Murray

IN a world preoccupied with building bigger and better A-bombs it is a welcome antidote to hear of atomic energy being used to promote (among other things) bigger and better peanuts.

The atom, in fact, is being housebroken and used, experimentally as yet in many cases, in all kinds of homely directions in the United States.

Fatter pigs, bigger peanuts, synthetic milk, improved fertiliser and a new type of packaging are some of the goals at which scientists are aiming with the use of radioactive atoms or isotopes, as they are also called.

Radioactive atoms are produced by an atomic pile, and they in turn give off tiny radioactive particles.

Instead of working it out by the square root of minus five, researchers can trace the progress of a complicated chemical re-

action by introducing the radioactive particles into one of the constituents.

Then with a Geiger counter they can literally follow it through the processes as if through a super-microscope. They can feed a mouse radioactive food, for instance, and watch what happens—whether it goes into valuable bone-building or is wasted.

In this way they've discovered how to fatten pigs and chickens in a way that a Strasbourg goose might regard with mournfully envious eyes.

SLOWS THE THYROID

A new fattener called Thioracil, which slows down the pig's thyroid gland and makes it fatter on less food, has been produced.

But before putting it on the market one question had to be satisfactorily answered. Would thioracil have the same respectable effect (i.e. slowing down the thyroid gland and increasing the food intake) on human beings who, like the bacon, that came from the pig?

By means of radioactive atoms, scientists were able to prove that thioracil, while following its lawful occasions in the pig, was harmless to human beings who consumed the pork. Farmers throughout America can therefore rejoice. So can those proverbial lovers of pork—the Irishman and the German.

Seeds (including peanuts) are getting shots of radioactive material to improve the variety, and the cow may shortly herself do so, since atomic research workers are on the track of a way of making milk without her assistance.

On the home front, radioactive atoms measure how fast certain foods absorb water—a prelude to a new quick-cooking rice for the housewife.

In the same way the moisture absorption of boxes and bags can be tested to see if goods are being packaged correctly.

Experiments are about to discover a way of sterilising food by radiation. Radiation kills germs—but it also kills human beings, so chemists are treating this particular problem with considerable caution.

Behind the smiles and handshakes of these British and American businessmen there are sharp differences of policy. The Persian oil issue underlines these differences.

FLASH POINT OF RIVALRY

By J. L. Hays

THE top men in the oil industry play for high stakes, and they play the hard way. Don't imagine, therefore, that the representatives of the five big American companies who were recently invited by Anglo-Iranian to "secret talks" in London, together with representatives of French and Dutch groups, journeyed all the way across the Atlantic just to help their British rivals.

Their duty, as they see it, is to ensure that any sort of rejuvenation of Anglo-Iranian's £500,000,000 oil empire does the least possible harm to American oil interests between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf.

Apart from Anglo-Iranian's former interests in the Persian fields and Arabian-American's vast operation in Saudi Arabia, British sterling and American dollars were pretty evenly distributed among the producing companies in Kuwait, Iraq and the Persian Gulf sheikhdoms. Before Mossadegh "dunkirked" Anglo-Iranian, in fact, total sterling and dollar holdings in the booming Middle East industry were only narrowly in Britain's favour.

But basic competition between dollar and sterling oil production has never been dissipated, and now old rivalries and grievances have flared anew as the dollar "element" has swollen during the enforced idleness of Anglo-Iranian's sterling concessions. For instance, "all-dollar" production in one country alone, Saudi Arabia, has soared from 26,000,000 tons in 1950 to 41,000,000 tons in 1953.

Small Wonder

IT is small wonder, then, that the balance of Middle East oil power has now shifted in favour of dollar producers to a considerable extent, forcing Britain to pay in dollars for aviation fuel previously obtainable from Abadan with sterling.

Here is the flash-point of dollar versus sterling rivalry: Just as the British would like to restore Persian production to reduce the deficit, so the Americans are determined to hold on to their gains and to protect Middle East oil investments currently worth well over £1,100,000,000.

But Anglo-Iranian could not restore Persia's annual "pre-Mossadegh" production of 30,000,000 tons, even if given the opportunity of doing so by the Persians, without harming as many British as American producers. Any such headlong re-

introduction of Persian oil would necessitate cut-backs in Middle East production elsewhere, involving British as well as American revenue losses—and, more important, British as well as American "explanations" to Arab rulers furious at having their royalty incomes reduced.

Thus any British comeback in Persia must be initially confined to securing the maximum profits from an Anglo-Persian settlement guaranteed not to disrupt oil production (and oil politics) generally.

It is over this relatively limited issue that a secret struggle is raging behind the British and American oil chiefs' smiles, handshakes and blank communiques.

Despite the common problems confronting them outside Persia, they remain suspicious of each other's intentions inside the country. In fact, restarting the Persian oil industry is one aspect of Anglo-American policy on which the British would be only too happy to act alone, but the Americans are determined to keep in close company.

More Suspensions

BRITISH oil men suspect that their American rivals, who have always envied the British for their sole control of the Persian fields, are now trying to get in to them through "the back door." This suspicion is heightened by their recollection that the dollar invasion of the Middle East's fabulous oil reserves only dates back to 1927—when American diplomatic pressure resulted in Anglo-Iranian handing over its share of American companies.

On their side, the Americans still harbour bitter memories of British treaties with the Persian Gulf sheikhs. Those treaties kept out their impatient prospectors for years, and they do not relish the idea of British oil men slipping back into a fortified "sterling position" in Persia.

There is, perhaps, another vital reason why this dollar versus sterling clash is developing: With the world's demand for oil products increasing yearly by 5-7 percent, production increases totalling anything up to 100,000,000 tons must be expected by 1960. At that rate full-scale Persian production is, at least, a near-future possibility. It is even one devoid of threats of cut-backs in other Middle East fields. A possibility with the promise of great profit, too.

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AN ENGLISHMAN FINDS LOVE in the ALLEYS OF MARRAKESH

THE ALLEYS OF MARRAKESH. By Peter Mayno, Murray. 15s. 172 pages.

DOWN in the alleys of Marrakesh live Moulay Abdullah, a nobleman; Sidi Haroon, a dwarf; Bou Djema, a Negro with a resounding fame among the women; Aysha, formerly a professional fiancée but now

wholly given over to cultivation of the sentiments with her friend Abdeslem, a charcoal seller.

Into this world there steps a young English visitor, Peter Mayno, who comes to know them all, acquires their language and their customs (e.g. it is not generally proper for a Christian to embrace a Moslem higher than the hand; indeed, while a Christian may greet a Moslem, he should not attempt the embrace at all; at most, he may lightly kiss the tips of his own fingers thus—Bwch!).

To improve his Moorish conversation Mayno hires a peasant; it ends in a deplorable misunderstanding. Mayno should never have accepted instruction in the language of love.

In spite of this setback, his social progress is rapid. Soon the sight of a lady walking in the street with a big key dangling from her finger is no longer a mystery to him. He understands the sign-language of love.

Aysha, the ex-professional fiancée, gives a party at which cultivation of the sentiments does not go smoothly. Mayno is confused about the later developments. How, for instance, can he explain to himself the presence at his bedside next morning of the fiancée of Sidi Haroon (Postscript: Telegraphs) with a cup of mint tea and the alarming words, "I am your fiancée now!"

GENTLEMEN WEEP
Soon after this party Aysha acquires an American fiancé and goes to the cinema where you see gentlemen weep veritable tears when the ladies will not do as the gentlemen wish. "And what do they wish? Nothing at all like wish the pigs here in Morocco—they wish a beautiful thing called Love."

From the alleys of Marrakesh, with their come and lovable inhabitants, Mayno takes himself and his readers all too soon. It has been, while it lasted, gently, deliciously, full of fun.

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MACKENZIE KING: THE INCREDIBLE CANADIAN. By Bruce Hutchison. Longmans. 25s. 456 pages.

IN the autumn of 1944 Canada found herself in a strange and painful military situation. She could conscript men for service in Canada but not outside it. Fighting in France and Italy, her divisions were suffer-

ing such heavy casualties that men would be sent back into the line. The only source of reinforcement was the so-called "Zombie" army, 70,000 strong, of men conscripted for home defence.

This was the picture which started Colonel Ralston, Minister of Defence, on a visit to Europe and which he brought back to Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Prime Minister. It became the stuff of crisis.

Ralston demanded conscription of the "Zombies" for active service. Mackenzie King, believing that this would split Canada, eventually replaced him with a popular old Canadian soldier, General MacNaughton.

When MacNaughton could not persuade the "Zombies" to volunteer the crisis moved into an acute phase. Until noon, on November 22, Mackenzie King was holding out against conscription; then he received a telephone call from MacNaughton, "I have terrible news for you, Chief... a body blow."

That evening, in an agonized Cabinet, Mackenzie King proposed the conscription of 16,000 Zombies.

WHAT HAPPENED
What had happened to bring about the volte-face? On the morning of November 22 MacNaughton was told by his military advisers that he must enforce conscription or they would resign forthwith.

If this were to occur Mackenzie King's government would be destroyed; Canada's national unity would be endangered. So the Canadian Prime Minister revised his policy and the military chiefs kept their secret until they disclosed it to Bruce Hutchison after he had written his book where it is printed as a postscript.

This is interest which gives unusual value to the life of an important Canadian politician—and drama to his last two pages.

★
THE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED. By Maurois. The Bodley Head. 8s. 6d. 128 pages.

IT is easier to die for the woman one loves than to live with her (Byron). Helping with the harder task, Maurois presents a series of brief instructive scenes between Marise, a young wife, and Philippe, her husband. They grapple together with the problems of family,

friends, time and otherwise, irritations, flirtation and temptations.

On the prowling wolf the French speak with authority. Age, it seems, is no safeguard. A young American girl committed suicide because of Anatole France when he was 68. Looks? D'Annunzio was as ugly as sin.

Experience counts. "In love, more than in any other game, pre-logic assumes victory. It is the first conquest that tells." The notorious seducer is constrained to live up to his bad reputation.

Maurois does not go very deep and says little that is very new. But he is neat and light and, on the whole, sensible.

LIBRARY LIST
★ **THE STRONGHOLD.** By Xan Fielding. Seeker and Warburg. 21s. 317 pages. Fielding spent three war years in the White Mountains of Czecho, operating with devoted help from the inhabitants against the German occupation forces. Ten years later, he went back. This book tells what he found. Writing, sure and unconsciously skilful, of the born adventurer.

★ **TALES TO BE TOLD IN THE DARK.** Edited Basil Davenport. Faber. 15s. 288 pages. From old magazines and similar sources, Mr. Davenport has collected a dozen eminent writers which the reader is encouraged to adapt to his needs with ruthless freedom.

★ **A SHARE OF THE WORLD.** By Hugo Charteris. Collins. 12s. 6d. 317 pages. Charteris is the temperament of the born writer and some of his talents. It sees vividly, feels acutely; has a nervous dislike for the commonplace. He can write well and is inclined to write pretentiously.

A frail thread of narrative runs through a novel which, with its real if faltering intensity, promises rather than succeeds.

★ **THE FARMER'S HOTEL.** By John O'Hara. Cresset Press. 8s. 6d. 169 pages. Short novel which might fit a three-act play. Scene, American; basic idea, too familiar. A snowstorm isolates a fortuitous group of people in a country hotel. Two are an adulterous pair; one is a truck driver with homicidal tendencies. This book can also be obtained in paper covers at 2s. 5s. and sixpence for cloth binding, and two shillings for the contents—some people may think those relative values are about right.

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A BRA FOR HENRIETTA

Henrietta, the good-natured white hen from her sensational debut at the Smithfield Show.

My dear! You ought to have seen her... there she was, large as life, wearing a brand new brassiere in public and a pair of new red plastic spectacles, strutting about the show pens like a Hollywood film star with an "X" certificate.

The brassiere? Well, it's a gadget that fits snugly under Henrietta's wings. Every time she moves from her pen she automatically links a kind of rubber office date-stamp strapped through the bra which leaves a permanent record of her exit on a roll of ticket-tape.

And every time Henrietta lays an egg it rolls away down a chute toward a sorting bay—and another hole is punched in the ticket-tape.

The spectators? Henrietta wears them because they prevent nerves and panic, feather pecking, egg eating and (what's worse, my dear!) eating her own chicks.

Henrietta certainly went to town—there's been nothing so exciting since her mother laid two double-yoked eggs in one week and Henrietta popped out of one of them.

LAUNCHED A SHIP-AN-A-HALF

The Wear-side shipyard's half ship at one go. The bit was the forepart of an 18,250-ton motor tanker being built, two halves for Norwegian owners; a none will be given to the vessel when the other half is completed and welded on later in the year.

The whole ship launched was the motor-vessel Adjutant from the yard of S.P. Austin and Sons.

THEY SAVED A SNAKE

Two men who worked down-to-dusk shifts during last winter's great floods along the east coast of Britain have been awarded the RSPCA's new medal for flood heroism. They are Inspector F.A. Archer, of Colchester, and Mr. Arthur Garnett, of Clacton.

They spent eight days rescuing 47 animals and birds from flooded homes at Jaywick, Essex, a bungalow town. The oddest flood victim they saved was a snake, which had wriggled to the top of a steel tool cabinet in a telephone exchange.

Inspector Archer and Mr. Garnett say that in a flood a dog usually seeks refuge on some floating "raft," such as a bed, while a cat prefers a

motionless object such as the top of a heavy wardrobe.

WRONG ARGUMENT

At the Cairo assizes, lawyer Nebil Naggar thought it would be easy to get his client off a charge of attempting to kill a fellow workman with an axe.

All he had to show was that nobody could manipulate an axe the way the prosecution said the accused did.

So he picked up the axe from the exhibit table and tried. He took a big slice out of his ear. The trial was adjourned while he went to hospital.

SWAN SONG

Cleopha, the beautiful white swan who graces Trento (Italy) Public Gardens, refused to touch food for days after her mate vanished.

The frightened town council sent cables off around the world.

Offers came from as far away as New York, where it is recognized that the importance of love life to a swan is not confined to ballets.

Eventually, Cleopha's new hubby was flown from Amsterdam.

ALL OR NOTHING

Seven nudes from the London edition of the "Folies Bergere" have been given sunbathing orders in Durban. "All or nothing at all."

It's a show managers, is that the hot South African sun is apt to give them sunburns—and, if they wear bathing suits, they will turn in patches. And putchy girls just don't go on the stage.

So, according to dancer Yvonne Howard, the girls are looking for a secluded roof-top. They have voted in favour of "nothing at all."

So far, however, they haven't had any luck.

CHAOS AT SUNUP

Most Capetown Africans still stick to their old tribal habit of getting up when the sun rises. So, one day when the sun was hidden behind a thick overcast, there was chaos in industries where Africans are employed. Most of them were an hour late for work. Worse, they missed the usual early buses from the suburbs, and threw the transportation system out of gear.

OFF TO VENUS?

French inventor Jean Fontaine makes flying saucers—little ones that really fly. But he has decided to keep them on strings.

One of them shot off towards Bulgum last week—and hasn't been sighted yet. He's afraid his models may start radar screens if he doesn't keep them in tow.

REALLY HAD IT

It's going to take a lot from row on to upset the Clarence Huckaby family of Galveston, Texas.

David Huckaby, 7, was operated on recently for a hernia. Then a brother, Glen, 2, got double pneumonia, recovered, and immediately returned to the hospital with scarlet fever. Sister Dorothy, 4, soon joined him at the hospital with scarlet fever.

Then the father cut off part of his right thumb in an accident at the fish company where he is employed. When he returned from the hospital, another son, Larry, 10, fell from a cotton dolly and ruptured a kidney.

+++++ **BARBS** +++++

By HAL COCHRAN

WHEN it's a girl, a thing of beauty is annoy forever!

Many motor car accidents can be blamed on a loose tyre and a tight driver.

It's difficult to find a really industrious person who has a busy tongue.

A style expert contends that the average man knows very little about women's clothes. The price is enough!

The average life of women has jumped, says a doctor. Right along with the women, when they cross the streets.

"More Women Taking Up Law"—newspaper headline. At our house, they're laying it down.

A school for tiny tots has a jazz band. Well, there are times when kids should be punished.

When there's a big rush, a bargain sale counter is a place where a woman can ruin one dress and buy another.

There have been a lot of endurance contests, but none to beat that of teen-agers on the telephone.

Too many people waste too much time chasing rainbows, says a banker. It's a nice way to run into a storm.

Any old wave of prosperity always makes a lot of swell!

A wealthy Texan tried suicide because he lost a fortune and didn't have any more than the rest of us.

A man will go a long way to save his face, while a woman just goes to the drugstore.

Lots of oil stock investors would be better off to let wells enough alone.

Handwriting is a key to character, says a professor. Especially when found on that little piece of paper marked "insufficient funds."

Eating everything with reckless abandon often leads to a shape like a figure ate.

Laugh and grow fat is fine until you succeed—then it isn't so funny.

The world is so full of really good lies that there is no excuse for a poor excuse.

Take a tip from the man who invented macaroni—use your noodle!

Maybe our judges could cut down on the number of rubber-tyre thieves by giving them long stretches.

Every housewife should have a calling, says a professor. At least when they want to get the kids in for a meal.

More and more fathers are finding out that a son's first year at university develops a fine sense of touch.

Overwork is the main thing that causes that rundown feeling, says a doctor. How about crossing the street against a red light?

It's getting so that it's easier to make your money first than it is to make it last.

An Illinois woman willed her chauffeur \$5,000 for excellent service. He drove her to jail!

Staying out all night and sleeping all day makes it pretty hard to find your place in the sun.

An Arizona band leader was arrested for having two wives. What does he know about harmony?

Lots of husbands get a reputation for truthfulness because they can't think fast enough.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Forever Arguments

BY HARRY WEINERT



THE CONTINUOUS ARGUMENT AT THE CORNER STORE THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON SO LONG NO ONE REMEMBERS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT



HOW TO WIN. EXAMPLE... WHEN YOU WANT TO STAY IN - SAY YOU WANT TO GO OUT.



SOME TIMES THE ARGUMENT STARTS WHEN YOU AGREE WITH 'EM

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LOGIC CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE OLD CRYING-TOWEL FOR CLINCHING AN ARGUMENT



WE BET SHE DOESN'T LOSE THIS ARGUMENT.



WHEN THE WEATHER IS TERRIBLE AND THE FOLKS ARE HOME - HE WANTS TO BRAVE THE ELEMENTS.



WHEN THE WEATHER IS NICE AND THE FOLKS ARE OUT - HE WANTS TO PARK AT HOME



THE KIDS EXCEL IN ARGUMENTS ABOUT QUESTIONS TO WHICH THERE ARE NO ANSWERS.

Your Radio Listening For Next Week In Detail - A "China Mail" Feature

Second Postwar Agricultural Show

In The New Territories

This morning at Yuen Long His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, opened the New Territories Agricultural Show — the second since the war.

Radio Hongkong's observers, Donald Brooks on the English side and Eddie Au Yeung on the Chinese side, have been out there to record His Excellency's speech, to talk to those concerned with the running of the Show — including members of the Government's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry — and to describe some of the exhibits.

The Show will be on for three days and Radio Hongkong's programme, which comes on the air tonight at 8.30, will give listeners a foretaste of the variety of interesting displays to be found there.

The first in a new series of magazine programmes takes the air on Monday at 7.30 p.m. "Viewpoint" can best be described as a reflection of current local thought on literature, drama, and on the arts as a whole. Each week it will contain book and film reviews and, in due course, it is also planned to broadcast informal "off the cuff" discussions on matters of art by local speakers.

The first of the programmes is an exception to the rule in that it contains no book review. Instead, it is devoted to Somerset Maugham who this week celebrates his 80th birthday. Janet Tumbull will be talking about him, and introducing a recording of an extract from "Cakes and Ale" read by the author. The film review will be by Diana Talbot.

"Viewpoint" is edited and introduced by Donald Brooks.

MUSIC

The Hongkong Singers under their conductor Philip Arnold are broadcasting from the Concert Hall of Radio Hongkong on Wednesday at 8.30 p.m. They will be accompanied by Isolde Ahlweide and their programme includes a number of traditional songs — one of which is the well-known "The Pouter" by Dyson.

Monday night is Burns Night, and once again the Colony will be able to enjoy John McLeod's recital of a few of the many songs that have survived the Bard. At 8.30, accompanied by the piano by Moyra King, he will sing, among others, "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," "John Anderson, My Jo," and the famous "A Man's a Man for A That."

Opera enthusiasts are unlikely to think of Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" without immediately calling to mind the great soprano Kirsten Flagstad, or for that matter, to think of Flagstad without automatically calling to mind the role of Isolde for which she is best remembered. On Thursday in the opera programme at 9.15, Radio Hongkong is broadcasting the first Act of this great tragedy on a new long playing recording by Kirsten Flagstad and Ludwig Suthaus as Tristan. The Philharmonia Orchestra is conducted by Furtwängler. This is a magnificent recording.

(Broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band).

Today

12.30 p.m. PROGRAMME SUMMARY.
12.32 MUSICAL SCRAPBOOK.
1.00 NEWS, WEATHER REPORT AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.
1.30 LUNCHTIME MUSIC.
2.00 THE ADVENTURES OF P.C. 42.
2.30 BOXING—OPEN INDIVIDUAL FINALS (RECORDED).
2.50 RALLY: MARSEILLE (TRUNKED) AND HIS ORCHESTRA. I'll never smile again; Santa Lucia Luntana; When your lover has gone I only have eyes for you (all required).
3.00 STUDIO: HOSPITAL REQUESTS.
3.30 THE NEWS.
4.00 STUDIO: FORCE CHANCE.
4.30 INTERLUDE.
4.40 ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL—CLUB KOWLOON MOTOR BUS.
5.10 SMALL COMEDY.
5.30 THE NEWS.
6.00 TIME SIGNAL AND PROGRAMME SUMMARY.
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THE CHINA MAIL'S WEEKEND LOCAL SPORTS PARADE

THE SATURDAY SOCCER SPOT

ONCE THE REFEREE HAS
BLOWN HIS WHISTLE TO STOP
PLAY, THE BALL IS DEAD

Right Or Wrong, For Better Or For Worse,
Nothing That Happens After The
Whistle Can Have Any Significance

Says I. M. MacTAVISH

If the Hongkong Football Association needed any reminder of the pressing urgency of the 'referee problem' then surely the game on Wednesday between KMB and Army must have provided it — and spotlighted it with brightly illuminated warning signs.

In every club and in every restaurant — in fact wherever footballers and football men meet — KMB's second goal has since Wednesday, been the main and often the sole topic of conversation. Fourteen thousand spectators and 22 players heard the pre-goal blast of the referee's whistle and the same number of people, probably without realising it at the time saw one of the game's oldest axioms — 'Play to the whistle' — blown sky high.

The Army players stopped when the whistle blew and the KMB men carried on just a little longer a few split seconds that brought victory.

In my report on the game I asked what would club officials have to tell their players in future, and a friend rang me up next day to suggest that players should now be told to ignore the whistle and have just another go. It could, as in this case, pay a rich dividend.

I have listened to many versions of the incident and I have listened to several so-called 'inside stories' on how and why it happened, but I must confess that some of these are so far-fetched that I find difficulty in giving any credence to them.

But one thing is absolutely certain, our football cannot stand such palpable insults to normal sporting intelligence. This is the second time this season that ridicule has been showered on the game in the Colony. In the first instance, when the now legendary third goal was allowed in the first Divisadero game, there was some element of doubt and the referee, having given a decision, had as it were, stuck to it manfully through thick and thin, but in the second instance there can be no vestige of an excuse.

FOR WHEN THE REFEREE HAS ONCE BLOWN HIS WHISTLE TO STOP PLAY, RIGHT OR WRONG, FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE, THE BALL IS IMMEDIATELY DEAD AND NOTHING THAT HAPPENS AFTER THE WHISTLE CAN HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE.

I have heard it suggested that the Association should order the game replayed. But whatever the justice or justification of such a move, I feel certain that the Army officials would not allow themselves to be a party to it. Games can only be won or lost on the field of play and nothing that happens after the final whistle can alter the result.

BUT THE ASSOCIATION HAS IT IN ITS POWER TO ENSURE THAT THE REFEREE IS MADE TO EXPLAIN HIS ACTIONS AND IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED AND THE ULTIMATE GOOD OF THE GAME HERE IN HONGKONG, IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT WITHOUT REPORTS OR PROMPTING FROM ANYONE THEY WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Reports in this case are really quite unnecessary for the top men in the game were on the spot and saw the whole thing for themselves. If they handle the matter in this way there can be no suggestion of four grapes as far as the losers are concerned, however bitter they may — with some justification — feel about the whole thing.

A GOOD JOB AGAIN

The Selection Committee met after the Army-KMB game to select the teams for the first

two games against Koge Bold-club. Once again I believe the selectors have done a good job and I feel that, generally speaking, the two sides are fully representative of our soccer strength.

The return of Lau Yee and the dropping of Wells can cause no concern for there is so little difference in the standards of the two men that it is probable that the South China man got the position on the strength of his understanding with Han Yung-sang.

The inclusion of King Lok-sung is a sound move for he is right at the top of his form at present and it is obvious that Bennett is, for the moment, off the goal standard. The new forward line looks good on paper and Sze-to Man is certainly well worth his selection.

One change, however, I simply cannot understand. That is the return of Chan Fung-hung to the exclusion of Longan. The 'inside' reason for this is that Chan is a much better player than Longan, but in the face of such a brilliant display against Pegasus, even his sternest critics were forced to admit his success and now, apparently without cause, for he is playing excellently for his club — he is out of the side.

One can but ask 'On whose altar was he sacrificed?' Why, did he 'displease'? Certainly not the football public who went to the Pegasus game.

I have said it before and I say it again. If there are reasons and qualifications other than ability which count in the selection of our representatives, then in fairness to those who pay for admission there should be made public.

THE BIG GAME

The big game of the week-end is the meeting of South China and the Army at the Club Stadium on Sunday afternoon. This match has all the makings of a top match affair and if the players overcome the early strain of the big occasion it could very well turn out to be the game of the season.

The teams play strongly contrasting types of football and if things go well the advocates of both styles should get plenty to enthuse over. Ko Hsueh-ung is unlikely to play and the Champions will no doubt miss his steady influence in defence.

It seems certain that the Army will make changes in their line-up and I would not be surprised to see Nash and Doyle out of the attack. I was quite impressed with young Buckley who took Casey's place at right back against KMB but I am not sure that he is fast enough to counter Mok Chun-wah.

No doubt the Army officials have given this plenty of thought and whatever happens there is certain to be a very big crowd at the Happy Valley ground to see this tussle.

The big question is 'How will the game go?' This time I think the Champions are in real

danger of losing their unbeaten League record.

Much will depend on the ability or otherwise of Stevens to shut out Yul Cheuk-yin. If the South China star comes out on top in this duel, then the Champions may also come out on top, but I have a feeling that the Army will claim the edge this time.

WEEK-END LIST

The full list of games for the week-end is as follows:—

Today
Club vs. KMB at the Club Stadium, 4 p.m.
Kitechee vs. CAA at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

Tomorrow
Army vs. South China at the Club Stadium, 4 p.m.
Navy vs. RAF at Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.
Sing Tao vs. St Joseph's at Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

I think that the Club-KMB clash this afternoon will be a closer game than would appear on paper. The Kitechee team is now running into the form that was originally expected from it and with King Lok-sung in brilliant goal-scoring mood they should gather the points with plenty to spare.

Much will depend on the ability of Falconer to find a way through the tough Kowloon defence. He and Keane will give the rear lines plenty to worry about but I think that at the other end the speed and craft of Sze-to Man may just swing the game in favour of the visitors.

Kitechee on current form should have little trouble in accounting for the inconsistent CAA side. The Kitechee team is now running into the form that was originally expected from it and with King Lok-sung in brilliant goal-scoring mood they should gather the points with plenty to spare.

Navy got a nasty shock at Boundary Street last week-end when Police thrashed them 6-3, but in tackling RAF they are meeting friends in distress, for the Airman also went under heavily to Kitechee. Both teams are showing in-and-out form but on this occasion the RAF side should just about manage to come out on top.

In the last game on the programme Sing Tao look probable winners over St Joseph's. The Saints have done nothing to suggest that they can hold the Tigers who must stage a return to form very soon now.

THIS WEEK'S TALKING POINT: Have we slipped up in regarding the forthcoming series against Manila as a second class affair to be run while our premier representative side is out of the Colony? Reports reaching me state that since the Manila team was put in charge of the internationally known coach, Mr Sneddon, it has made significant progress. The benefit of an expert coach cannot be underestimated and the local players may find that it is Manila with a difference that they will have to face.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton

The Thomas Cup Match
With Burma Should
Be Played In April

Says "ARGONAUT"

Another piece of welcome badminton news during the week has been the confirmation received from the International Badminton Federation that Hongkong will play Japan and will have the choice of courts if she gets through her first-round match against Burma.

The terminal date for the match between Hongkong and Burma has been set at July 31. In view of the fact that July and August are usually the hottest months in Hongkong, it is strongly advocated that the Hongkong Badminton Association try to have the match mutually arranged for early April.

A request should be put in to the International Badminton Federation that the second round match against Japan, should Hongkong be successful in the first round, be played about June.

In any event it seems that it will be necessary for the Association, which usually terminates its season before Easter with the finals and of the Hongkong Open Championships, to extend the current season to at least the month of June.

If this necessity is appreciated, the Association will be in a better position to plan a full and well-rounded programme for the current season, more especially so after their well-received decision to run the usual League this year.

The Association will not then be handicapped in the matter of time in running the League and there will be no necessity to cut down League matches to only one round.

Otherwise the League rules, which clearly state that home and away matches shall be played in all divisions, will have to be amended, thus requiring another Extraordinary General Meeting and incurring further waste of time.

EVERY EFFORT

It is strongly urged that for this season the Association make every effort to come to an arrangement with the Magpherson Playground authorities to make use of their stadium for the purpose of laying out four courts not only for League matches but also for the training programme of Hongkong's Thomas Cuppers.

It must be realised that if the Thomas Cup match or matches be played at the Magpherson Playground, Hongkong's representatives must be given the facilities of getting accustomed to the court.

The Colony Open Championships, which should be again cut to a short period of one week or at most 10 days, could be held during the latter part of March, as usual, by holding up the League for that period.

The official closing of the season can be provisionally fixed at about the end of June with a prize-distribution and what may then be necessary a special ball to raise funds for the Hongkong Thomas Cuppers' trip to India.

Emphasis must again be laid this week in this column that top priority be given by the Association to the training of its potential Thomas Cup representatives. Delay will only nullify the lucky breaks that Hongkong has had so far in the draw.

IMPERATIVE

At the Association's last Executive Committee Meeting a Thomas Cup Investigation Sub-Committee was appointed to

explore all possibilities regarding finance, organisation, training selection.

It is hoped that in their report to be submitted to the Executive Committee Meeting to be held on February 8 or 9, this sub-committee will, among other things, recommend a definite court for the training of players, a complete training programme and a full list of players to be invited for the course.

It is imperative that there should be no further delay in getting the players on the court if Hongkong is to get anywhere in her first Thomas Cup competition.

In the meantime busy preparations are being made by the majority of the competing nations for what may prove to be the most closely contested Thomas Cup competition since its inception in 1948.

Malayan badminton has a cold war on its hands with Wong Peng-sun and company on one side and the Malayan Badminton Association on the other, and neither side is showing signs of giving way.

The consensus of opinion is that the younger set of players in Malaya today is still not yet up to the standard where they can defend Malaya's title and have to be once again borne by such old-liners as Ong Poh-lin, Ooi Teik-hock, Ismail bin Marjan, Chan Kon-leong and probably Tan Jin-cung and Lim Kee-fong.

The Choong brothers will be almost certain choices for one of Malaya's doubles combinations. The Malaysians are confident of taking all the four points in the doubles, and the question is whether they will be able to take the required one more point in the singles.

STRONGLY FAVOURED

The Indians are strongly favoured to be Malaya's challengers and their progress in the earlier round matches will receive more than passing interest.

In Nander Natheka and T. N. Seth they have two singles players who are capable of taking all four singles points from Malaya and if Monal Guha, who is likely to fill the third singles berth for India, improves on the form on which he beat Ong Poh-lin in the Singapore Championships in 1952 then Malaya will have a hard time looking for that elusive one point to enable them to retain the Thomas Cup.

The USA, who were Malaya's challengers in the last competition, have also not been able to unearth any prominent new talent and will again depend on old-timers Martin Mendez, Bob Williams, Wynn Rogers, Joe Alston and Dick Mitchell.

The whole badminton world, however, still hopefully awaits

LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY MAY FIND IT
DIFFICULT TAKING
4 POINTS FROM KCC

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army meet Kowloon Cricket Club this afternoon for the first time in the Senior Division Cricket League this season and, with Scorpions playing University and Recrelo the RAF, the soldiers will be faced with a hard time in trying to maintain their seven-point lead from the Scorpions and nine-point lead from Recrelo.

The Kowloon Cricket Club have not been too successful so far this season, but are individually as good as any team in the League. Should some of them strike form, and it looks as if they will, Army may not only find it difficult to avoid a draw but also to stave off a defeat.

Army's batting has not been too impressive in their last two outings and if only the Kowlooners succeed in putting them in to bat first and keeping them under 120 runs, they will have a good chance of bringing off the week's major triumph.

The Scorpions should experience little difficulty in taking full points from University, but Recrelo may meet with some opposition from the RAF. Recrelo's well-balanced team was comfortably by 108 runs in their first match against the Army and with the Gosono brothers back again in their side this week-end, it will be extremely hard for the Airman to match them in runs.

The game between Craighower Cricket Club and Optimists will probably produce a spate of runs. Both sides are evenly matched and a close finish should be seen with the second batting side making all-out attempts to force the issue against time.

Indian Recreation Club, who made a gallant but unavailing attempt to sweep Army last week-end, should be able to make amends today in their match against Navy if they play a forcing game.

I was not present at the IRC-Army match last Saturday, but it appeared that in trying to

force the issue no fewer than three of the Army batsmen were run out.

One of them was run out when he tried to back up just a little too early and too far. This has brought up the controversy whether the batsman should have been given a preliminary warning before attempts were made to run him out.

My opinion is that no such warnings need be given as the conditions under which a batsman can be run out are as clearly provided for as those under which he can be out lbw. It is the duty of the batsman to watch that the ball has been delivered before he tries to back up.

TODAY'S GAMES

First Division

Army v KCC
Navy v IRC
Recrelo v RAF
Scorpions v University
CCC v Optimists

Second Division

KCC v Army
Navy v IRC
RAF v Recrelo
University v Dockyard

TOMORROW

Friendly Match
Butterfield & Swire v Dodwell & Co.
Second Division
Police v DBS

ALEC BEDSER'S COLUMN

Who Will Be Cricket's
Kings? — South Africans
Are Strong Challengers

One of the most certain things in cricket is that, like the mighty Niagara, a long sequence of uneventfulness is broken by a change so unexpected as to be breathtaking.

We all know of the many games heading for what have seemed inevitable draws which have sprung to life almost out of the blue and finished in excitement tense enough to test the nerve of even the most dispassionate.

In another way the totally unexpected decline of Yorkshire, champions virtually by right year after year, provided a near-sensation in English county cricket.

So it has been with the international scene. Two years ago when the West Indies, having trounced England, went to Australia, the series was hailed as that to decide the unofficial cricket championship of the world.

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED

Australia was handsomely, and on their merits, but since then, look what has happened. First Jack Cheetham's fledgling from South Africa confounded all expectations by holding them to a 2-2 draw. Then England struck the knock-out by wrestling the mythical Ashes from Australia for the first time since Woodfull's team won them in 1934.

At least the Australian supremacy had been broken. Yet England cannot look upon themselves as world champions merely on the strength of their Oval victory last August.

A champion is only a real champion if he can defend his title against all-comers.

Naturally we in England will do all in our power to keep our newly won status, but the events of the next two or three years will hold immense interest and I believe our main opposition will come from a quarter comparatively lightly regarded only a little while ago.

I cannot speak from personal experience, but from what the Australian players told me when in England last summer and also from Denis Compton's views after his fairly recent opportunity to watch South African cricket. I am prepared to find the chief challenge coming from the land of the veldt. All the Australians paid the highest possible tribute to the leadership of Jack Cheetham on the 1952-53 tour. Their opinion was that, by example as well as precept, he inspired

many of the young players under him to rise to heights surprising even to themselves.

The result of that series must have given the youthful South African players an enormous amount of confidence. They should be able to add strength to strength.

DENIS COMPTON'S SPECIAL

point about them was the bowling of Adcock who, according to him, was some way faster than Cuan McCarthy and capable of becoming a more dangerous bowler.

To my mind a Test team containing a really fast shock bowler starts with a considerable advantage.

For all the batting brilliance of Bradman, Morris, Harvey and Miller, Australia ruled the cricket world after the war through the domination exercised by fast bowlers Lindwall and Miller.

TIME HAS TAKEN TOLL

Time, however, has taken the inevitable toll. Keith Miller is no longer the bowling menace he was and Ray Lindwall, while still extremely dangerous and hostile with the new ball, nowadays relies more and more on swing and less and less on pace.

He will never be a bad bowler but as one summer sun succeeds another I think the top-class batsmen will lay the Lindwall bogey without undue worry. And as far as I know, Australia have no obvious successors either to him or to Keith Miller.

The importance of a shock attack is such that England have reason to feel quite happy about their immediate prospects. Let us turn now to the West Indies. I tell you that Fred Trueman, Brian Statham and Alan Moss are settling down well to the hard work in front of them. I know that skipper, Len Hutton will give them every encouragement possible.

Len, as an opening batsman, knows the value of a fast bowler who can whip the ball

along before the batsman has gauged the pace of the pitch.

Altogether England's bowling looks stronger than for many years. My Surrey colleagues, Tony Lock and Jim Leaker, are already in great form out in the Caribbean. Deputy captain Trevor Bailey said that he could not imagine how any left arm slow bowler could have bowled better than did Tony in the opening match of the West Indies tour proper.

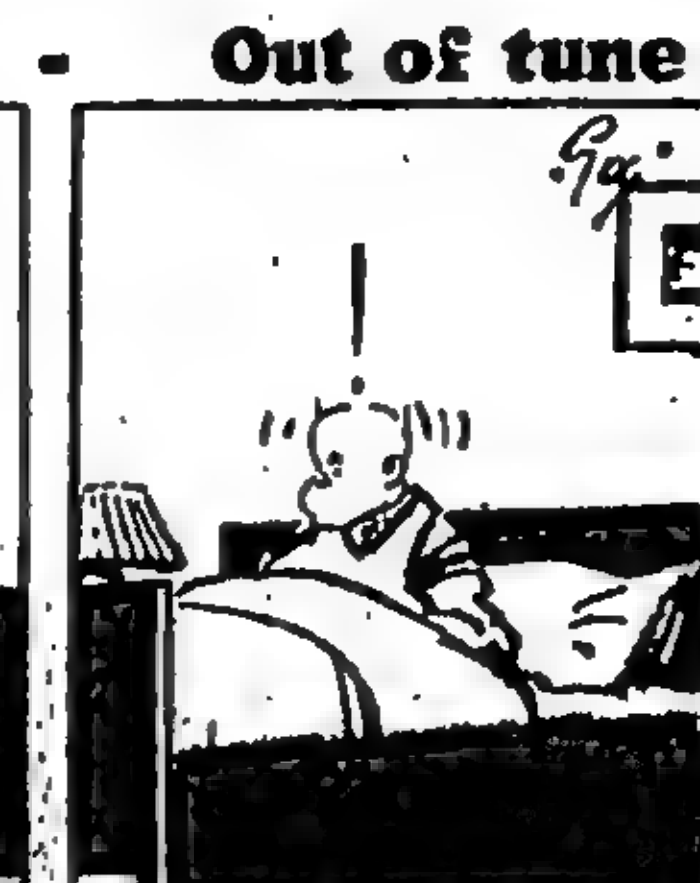
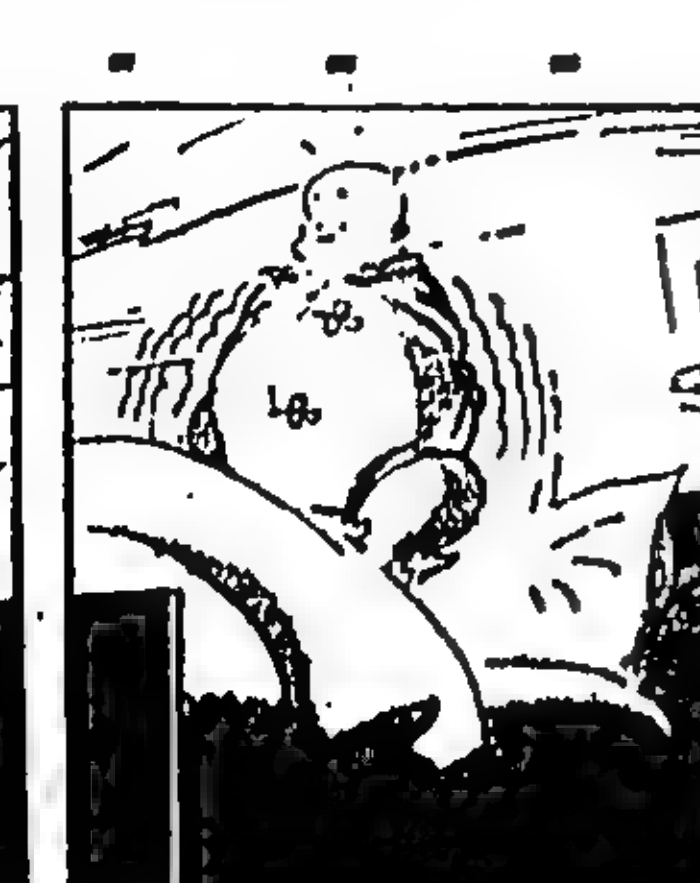
With a tour to Australia only nine months ahead the present Test series is critical for many of the English players. For one thing, England badly need an opening batting partner to Len Hutton who has been given 16 different first-wicket colloquies since the war.

The chief candidates are Trevor Bailey, Willie Watson, and Tom Graveney. I must say I have a sneaking fancy that the debutant Trevor will finish first past the post by a short head.

The West Indies may do better than anticipated, but reports of Sonny Ramadhin having lost his nip and Alf Valentine's bowling arm having dropped sound good for England, particularly as the West Indies have few other bowlers to support them.

The next England tour to Australia will create tremendous interest everywhere and if England manage to hold on to the Ashes, as I believe she will, the title will be at stake when South Africa comes to England in 1955. Nothing would be better for cricket than if the situation eighteen months from now.

POP



Out of tune



With glasses on, he recognizes everybody coming.

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Pentangular Rugger Tournament Resumes Today

By "PAK LO"

This afternoon again brings us to the Pentangular Tournament and the beginning of the second Round. That it starts today may surprise rugger fans as it has been brought forward one week in order that the Finals of the Internationals can be held next Saturday when HMAS Sydney, which has most of the Commonwealth team on board, is once again in harbour.

Before the Pentangular starts there will be a game between the Club XV and the Club "B" at 2.00 p.m. Then, at 3.00 p.m., the RAF take on the Army, followed by the Police versus the Navy at 4.15 p.m. All these games will take place at Sookunpoo.

Taking them in their order of appearance, the Club should again beat their "B" team as they have the faster set of three and a slightly heavier forward line.

However, some of the Club forwards seem to have been slowing down of late (lack of training) and if the "B" pack can show a bit of spirit in their following up and in their tackling they may upset the senior team.

This game will certainly give the Club selectors a good chance to pick a better team than that of late for the Pentangular, and it would be no surprise to see quite a few of the first XV relegated to the "B" team after today's game.

REALLY GOOD ONE

The next game should be a really good one as the RAF have increased the weight and power of their pack with the inclusion of Brown in back. The only weakness in this team lies in the three-quarters, where there is an inclination to pass rather wildly when threatened.

The Army have kept their team intact, as you may be expected, and will, I think, find the opposition rather stiff than before. So much so that it is more than quite possible that they will lose.

The Army, with five as backer, will have the edge. Anyie will have his work cut out to get the ball away quickly and safely to the three.

On the other side, Mifflin can be relied upon to give his backs every chance as he has been playing very well indeed of late. Davidson, who is only slightly recovered, is once again to be seen in the pack where he is a definite asset. This promises to be a very close game with the RAF coming out on top.

The second game in the Pentangular also offers a bright and interesting battle as the Police team are better than they have been for a long time. Riley has been brought in on the wing and this may tighten up the hole that has at times been apparent in the Police backs.

Nath returns to the three, giving them a fairly strong and fast back line. The forwards, while not as strong as they might have been, are quite satisfactory, but will feel the pressure which the Navy is sure to apply.

The Navy have brought in Reading, a newcomer to the side, at scrum half and have switched Moore, who has played with him before, to fly half. When these two played in an inter-unit game they combined very well together but Reading, who is very swift, is a little wild in his passing, and with the Police in good form this could be a very definite danger.

The pack, as usual, is strong, heavy and fast, and could win the set scrums but could lose the lineouts where the Police have the advantage of height. If the Police play as well as they did in their last Pentangular game they will give the Navy a

HOW THEY STAND
Since this is the beginning of the second round it may interest readers to see how the teams stand.

	P	W	L	A	Pts.
Navy	4	4	0	82	11 8
Army	4	3	1	41	8 6
Club	4	2	2	35	50 4
RAF	4	1	3	20	42 2
Police	4	0	4	0	75 0

A Police and a RAF win will throw the whole Tournament wide open and could provide some very interesting rugger until the sevens come along.

THE TEAMS

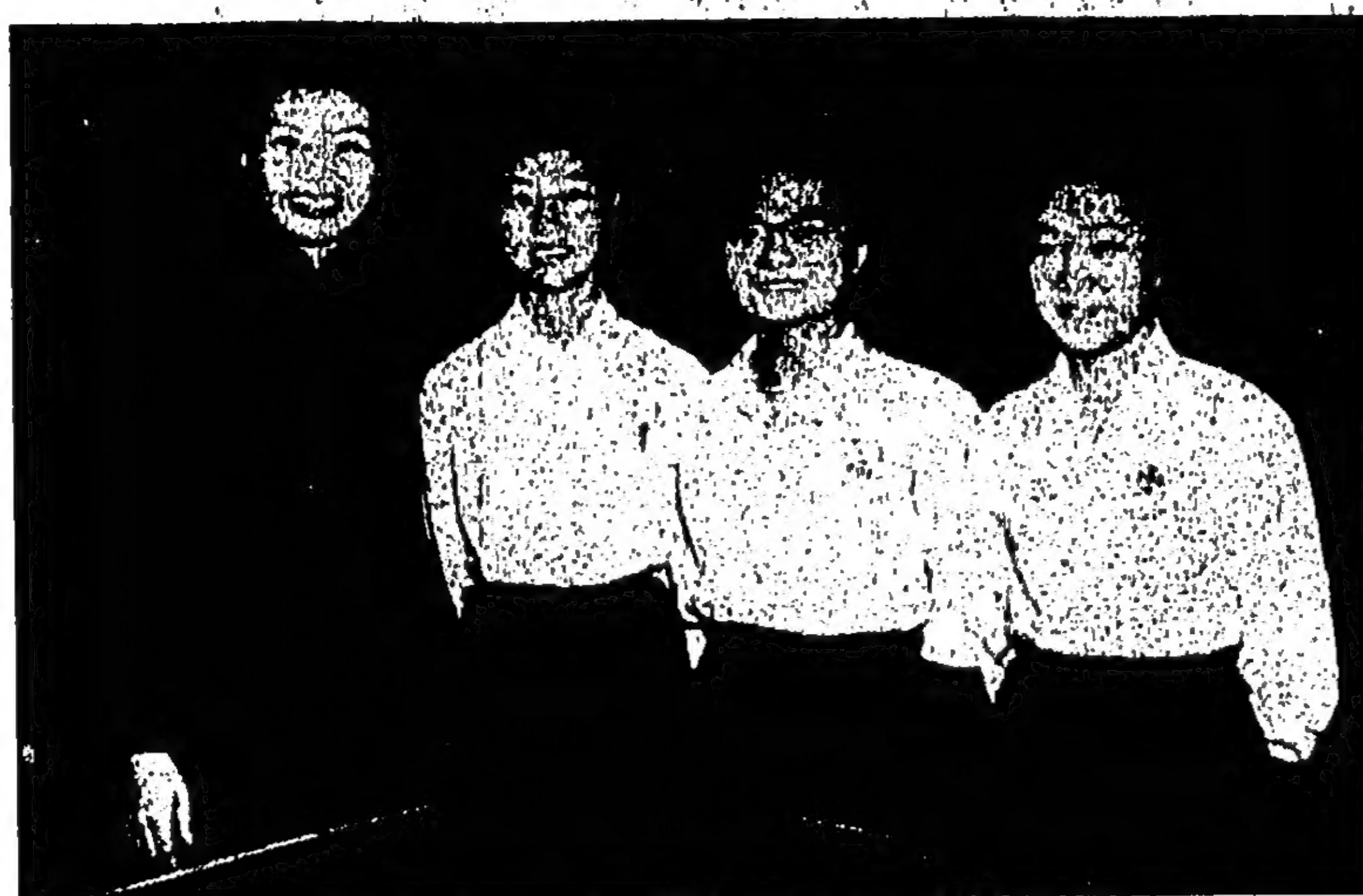
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Army: Collins, Bowen, Dungerfield, Poyser, Excell, Brentford, Argyle, Daniel, Eve, Bowen, Farthing, Gibson, Hill, Perry, Guthrie.

Police: Brewster, McEwen, Scott, North, Riley, Brown, Lohnd, Bryn, Carpenter, Kent, Shelley, Harris, Clark, Dirkin, Perry.

Navy: Christie, Harris, Davies, Smith, Rigg, Moore, Reading, Rice, Owen, Annandale, Hall, Charles, Woodall, Elliott, Thomas.

TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS



The St. Paul's College team, winners of the girls' section of the Inter-School Table Tennis Championships. — China Mail Photo.

SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Tarjoman Will Not Be Another Tulyar

Says JAMES PARK

No gammer filly ever looked through a bridle than Ribbon, and never have I known one so unlucky not to win a classic race. She was beaten a neck in the 1,000 Guineas, a neck in the Oaks and a short head in the St. Leger.

Her son, Garter, was given an easy time in his first season and I include him simply because he is not bred to be a two-year-old.

If there is one thing Garter should do it is stay in his class, Aurilla, and his dam, Ribbon, were not lacking in that quality. Yet Garter had a fair turn of speed as was shown when he finished well to take second place to Arabian Night at Hurst Park.

He ran a similar race when third to High Treason at Royal Ascot and after a long rest finished by being inconspicuous behind Infatuation in the Dewhurst Stakes.

I do not think Garter will reach the top class, but if he lives up to his breeding—which he may well do—we shall have to take him into consideration in races which call for a display of stamina rather than speed.

In the early days of the season Repute won a race at Thirsk in a manner which suggested that he has a bright turn of speed. At the York Spring meeting trainer Harry Peacock told me that Repute was the fastest two-year-old in the yard. As he was a late foal it was decided to give him a chance to develop and it was hoped to run him at the York August meeting.

Shortly before that meeting the colt had a bad attack of coughing and when he got over that he became stiff in his shoulder. Because of that he could not run again and so far I have not seen him.

MIGHT BE A DOUBT

Knowing the high opinion held of the colt, I asked Harry Peacock how Repute was progressing and whether there was any prospect of him being trained for the 2,000 Guineas—his only classic engagement. The reply was that as Repute is very fast there might be a doubt about him staying a mile.

Up to five or six furlongs in his first season the colt might have been able to hold his own with the best. So it looks as if we shall have to regard Repute as a sprinter, which is what his breeding would suggest.

I had better mention Tarjoman because a friend keeps asking me: "What about Tulyar's brother? I've backed him for the Derby."

My first impulse is to say Tarjoman is no Tulyar. And I only pause because of Tulyar. I didn't give him a thought as a Derby proposition at the corresponding period of the season. But Tulyar does not grow on trees and the dam is not likely to produce such another.

Up to a point there is little similarity. They are much of a type but I shall be surprised if Tarjoman mimics the feats of his illustrious relative.

Tarjoman ran six times and got into a place on only one occasion. He seemed to be a genuine little colt, no better or no worse than he looks. That is my opinion and I don't think I shall have to eat my words. If he wins the Derby I shall never hear the end of it.—London Express Service.

CAA'S SUPERB INFELD PLAY MAY BEAT THE SAINTS TOMORROW

Says "SNOOPER"

The power of Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association, twice conquerors of Jackie Wei's Pandas, can be traced to their superb infield play, and in a quest for the Senior "A" Pennant for the first time they will treat the Sunday feature softball game against Jindoo Hussain's front-running Saints with all the seriousness of a Cup Final.

The setbacks sustained by both Ed Carvalho's champion Braves to the USS Orcu and Wei's Pandas to the CAA a fortnight ago have rocketed the Saints and the CAA's prospects for the Pennant. The Saints are currently a game ahead of the CAA and with their outfield positional sense having improved these past weeks, they are favoured to beat the Chinese bullplayers.

Although the Saints are an impressive ball team with several reliable batters in short-stop Dave Leonard, centre-fielder George Saunders, second baseman Arturo Ozorio, and bunt-specialist Showboat Ali, their looseness in defence, particularly in the outfield, could be the short cut to a second defeat.

The Saints were trimmed 2-1 by the Pandas who played magnificent softball on that day. Despite the outfield shortcomings, the Saints are a strong softballing side because they are in every sense of the expression a team. They have only to keep their winning form to become worthy champions this season.

The Saints' chance of beating the CAA must come from the pitching effort of moundsman Vic Pedruco and I am content to rely on Pedruco's ability to score his eighth victory tomorrow.

Catcher Ignar Erickson has played reasonably well for the Saints but he is apt to go wild with unnecessary tosses to first base. Youthful Ray Aldegar on first has been consistent, and with Art Ozorio on second and Benny Omar on third, the Saints will have a sound infield.

However, the outfield department can hardly be described as ideal. There can be little doubt that Memo Xavier will be assigned to left field, but in choosing between Showboat Ali and Sherry Buckles for the centre-field berth, my vote goes to Ali who has furnished several fine performances. Lanky George Saunders has an excellent chance to be posted at rightfield.

CONSUMMATE EASE

The Chinese Athletic Association bullplayers have beaten the highly-fancied Pandas with consummate ease, but their task in trying to lower the Saints' colours will be a difficult one.

Pitcher P.C. Wong has fair ability and is considered by softball fans as one of the staidest hurlers at King's Park.

It is in the infield that the CAA are rated the day's best. From first baseman K. T. "Robbie" Leung and third baseman Seldin Ma will come most of the excellent CAA moves, and they should show the kind of louches one expects from them against the Saints.

As individuals, the CAA are not quite the equal of the Saints; in the batting department the Chinese are a little weaker. Whereas the Saints' batters have revealed power behind their bats, the CAA's one aim seems to be in bunting and getting a ball between first and second as quickly as possible.

It will be vital game for the Chinese Athletic Association tomorrow, and if they are beaten, they are likely to throw overboard much of their prospects in the quest for the Senior "A" Pennant.

PRACTICE SESSION

Ed Carvalho's champion Braves, who have dropped to fourth position with four losses to date, will be provided with a chance for warming up against the Saints in the second game of the Senior "A" programme. Although the Braves have fallen behind in the race for the Championship, their play has not deteriorated. In fact, the display of moundsman Jack Brown has been most encouraging and I expect him to improve this time.

There are good prospects for coach Ed Carvalho to field all his regulars and reserves against the Braves tomorrow. I expect Jackie Wei's Pandas to beat Alfredo Oliveira's Warriors in the third game of the programme. The way in which the Pandas are going to win will settle the question of whether or not they measure up as prospective contenders to down both the Saints and the Braves in the second round engagements.

The Pandas have paid dearly for their error in having only one pitcher in the League, and although moundsman Jackie Wei has been credited with several excellent victories, he was out of his stride in his past three performances. But the Pandas have Wally Ma, Y.S. Leung, Willie Woo and S. S. Han, outfielders who are very good in the batting line.

For the Warriors, catcher Cusum Sousa and outfielder Johnny Pereira are good

favoured among the ball fans, and if the Warriors can display the good form they showed in their previous performances, they stand an excellent chance of beating the Pandas outright. A victory for either team will depend on better teamwork and more determination in finishing. The Pandas, who still have a remote chance of annexing the Pennant, should be in the mood for a victory to bolster their morale when they challenge the Saints in the return game.

LADIES' GAME

Pearl Chan's Pandas' hopes for the Ladies' Loop have been rekindled by their 8-8 win and improved display against Bunny Remedios' Colts. This win looks them to top position with Terry Noronha's Whooos "A".

Both the Pandas and the Owls have so far dropped a game apiece. The Pandas, however, were somewhat lucky to beat South China 8-4 in a live-inning game last Sunday.

The Pandas are expected to display confident purpose in their Sunday morning game against Virgil Ribeiro's Whooos "B", but they will have to fight every inch of the way in the face of stiff opposition from the up-and-coming Whooos juniors.

The Whooos "B" will be well served by promising pitcher Evelyn Alonso, Virgil Ribeiro at first, shortstop Myra Cruz and infielder Valerie Fernandez. Although the Whooos' batting lacks power, they are capable of furnishing a major upset.

There is only one game scheduled for the week-end. Carvalho's Wildfires, who lost a heart breaker to Bill Silva's Delawares last Sunday after an extra inning, should account for the lowly Hongkong University squad of softballers.

The other game between Bob Suzzman's Americans and Fred Diesta's Pi Dodgers has been postponed to a later date.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ANNUAL RACE MEETING

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SOCCER ON THE INSIDE

(Edited by Marshall Fallows)

Mr Sidney Little, 47-year-old steel merchant who never saw a football match until two years ago, is prepared to risk the fortune he made from scrap in backing Wigan Athletic, the non-league club who came so near to upsetting mighty Newcastle's Cup hopes.

The pudgy, outspoken former 12s-a-week plumber's mate ("I now pay surtax") says: "There's no limit to what I'll spend to put Wigan on the soccer map."

One of his first aims is to get them elected to the Third Division North.

In an effort to add variety to Liverpool's training, which has recently extended to afternoon sessions, manager Don Welsh has arranged visits to a squash club.

He thinks squash is one of the best keep-fit games, and that it quickens thought.

Norman Uphrighd, Portsmouth's Irish international goalkeeper, who has been told by a specialist that he must not touch a ball until April, still manages to keep fit.

He carries out training, including lapping and sprinting, on the track.

Uphrighd, who broke his hand at the beginning of the season, is due to see a Harley Street specialist who will give judgment as to whether he will ever play again.

"NO," SAYS LOGIE
Should the captain be a forward? "No," says Jimmy Logie, who skipped Arsenal.

"A defender is in a much better position to do the job. I only do it in an emergency."

Ted Garry, who played for Derby in the days of Steve Bloomer and is now on the ground staff at the Baseball

ground, criticises modern players.

"They commit three times as many fouls as in my day," he says. "It's not entirely their fault. Referees will persist in penalising the go d old shoulder charge, which is almost a forgotten thing."

"Instead, worse fouls come from the feet. In the old days, when the shoulder charge was a must, teams could go through a season with 11 to 14 players. Now the number is around 30."

Talk of Arsenal—the form of 10-year-old Peter McParland, of Aston Villa.

"A fine left winger," said Tom Whittaker after the Cup game. Replied Villa manager Eric Houghton: "I think he's an even better half-back."

10-YARD PENALTY
A ten-yard penalty kick is advocated by Brighton boss Bill Lane. He suggests that the reduction in shooting range could be balanced by a smaller penalty area.

"I would like to see the present penalty area disposed of and a part of a circle of ten yards from edge to edge of the existing six-yard line substituted," says Lane.

Although Brentford have had a disappointing season so far, there

has been no lack of interest in their players and many clubs would like to buy them.

For instance, Aston Villa recently made an inquiry about lively little Billy Dare, who can give spirited service in any forward position, though preferably in the middle.

There was no agreement between the clubs on the question of terms, but I would not have been surprised if Brentford had been tempted to part because they are so short of cash for their team-building effort.

Others whose play has attracted attention are defenders, centre-half Wally Bragg and left-half Ken Coote. That is not surprising. There is not much wrong with Brentford's defence.

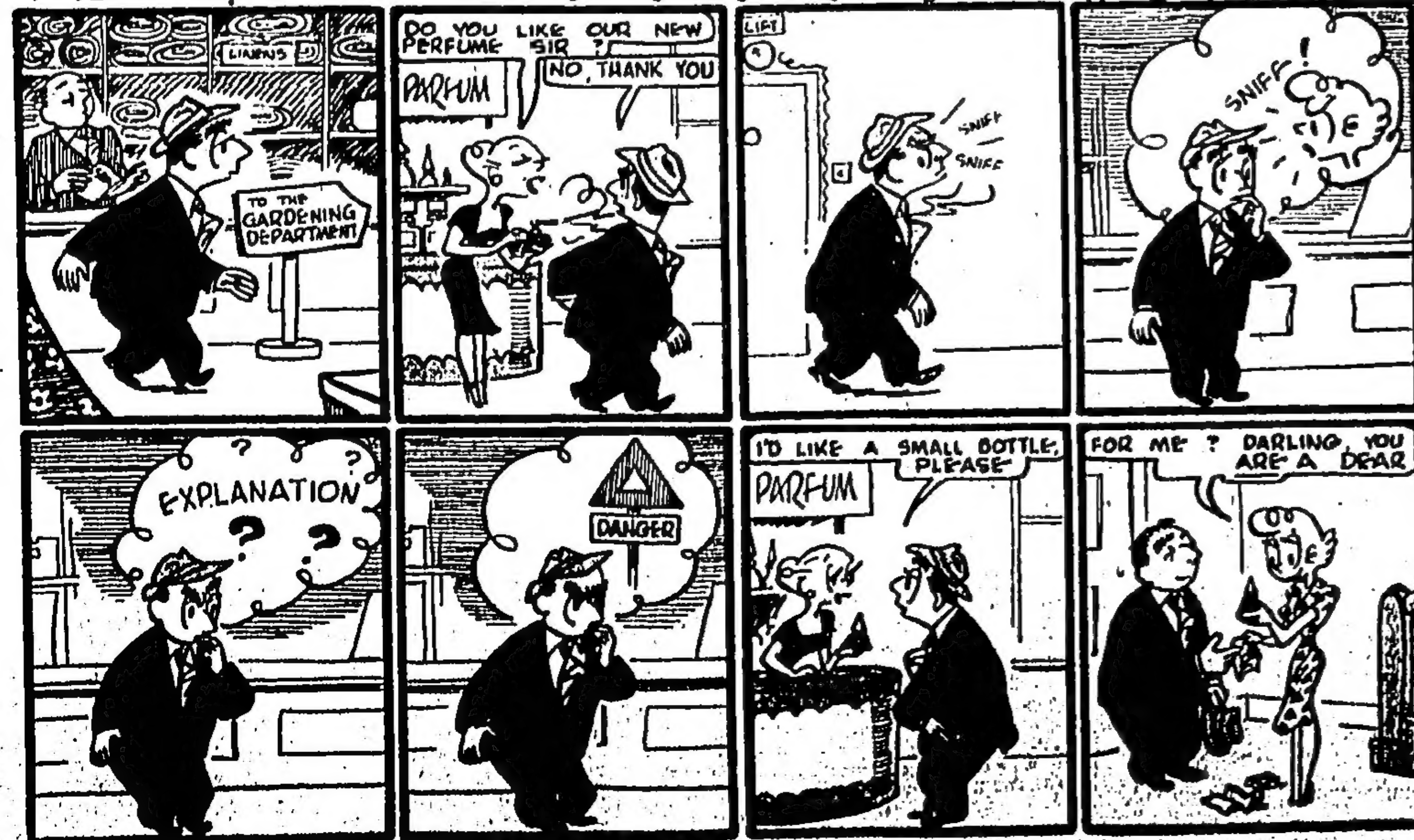
At least they have had only four goals scored against them in their eight home games since Bill Dodgin arrived.

When "Spurs trotted into their dressing room 2-3 down at half-time during the Cup game at Leeds, they were so intent on planning for the second half that they forgot their interval livener—a bottle of champagne.

But even without their tonic slips they managed to save the game.—(London Express Service).

THE WEEK-END GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



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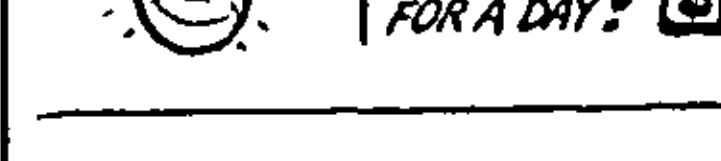
3. PUT IN 1 OR 2 SMALL SNAILS TO EAT THE ALGAE



1. DON'T OVERFEED. NEVER GIVE MORE FOOD THAN YOUR FISH CAN GORBLE UP COMPLETELY IN 5 MINUTES.

2. DON'T PUT FISH INTO COLD WATER... DON'T CHANGE WATER MORE THAN NECESSARY. IF COLD, LET WATER STAND UNTIL IT IS ROOM TEMPERATURE.

3. DON'T SET FISH IN THE SUN. IF A FISH GETS SLEGGY, PUT IT IN A LARGE BOWL OF SALT WATER FOR A DAY.



Columbus Beats An Envious Man

By HAROLD GLUCK

WHEN we are envious of a person it simply means that something is wrong with us. We are jealous that the other person has something we haven't. And we wish we had it instead! This is a true story about a great man, Christopher Columbus, and how he handled an envious man.

In Christopher Columbus' day it was thought that the great explorer had found a new way to the Indies. He was honoured greatly in Spain. As you know from studying history, he was born in Italy. However, it was the Queen who pawned her jewels to help Christopher Columbus get ships and supplies. Queen Isabella of Spain even convinced her husband, King Ferdinand, that the man from Italy might have something in his idea that India could be reached by sailing west.

ONE IS JEALOUS

WITH his three ships and a crew that was gathered partly from prisoners, he set sail across the Atlantic Ocean in the summer of 1492. He came within sight of land, one of the Bahama Islands, on Oct. 12. He cruised around in the neighbouring waters and visited islands. He was under the impression that he had actually reached the Asiatic waters and was within easy reach of China and Japan.

When he arrived back in Spain there were crowds of people to cheer for him. Money was raised for new voyages and he made three more trips across the Atlantic Ocean. Christopher Columbus was given an invitation to attend a great dinner in his honour. Many nobles and famous men came to pay him their respects. But present at the dinner were also several men who envied him. And one of these men spoke his thoughts out loud to the guests at the table.

"Hum! What is all this noise about? Why are we honouring this man Christopher Columbus? What did he really do? Anyone with ships and a crew could have sailed west. And they would have thus come to the Indies."

EVERYONE FAILS

CHRISTOPHER Columbus heard those words. He didn't get angry at all. He merely stretched out his hand and took an egg from a plate. He held it up for all to see.

"This is an egg," he began. "We all know that the good chicken gives us an egg. And we eat eggs because we like them. Now here is a challenge. I dare any person here, regardless of his rank, to make this egg stand upright."

The man at the left of Christopher Columbus took the egg and tried to balance it. But the egg just rolled over on its side. The man smiled sheepishly.

"I couldn't do it!" Then the great explorer handed the egg to another man who tried and failed. He also remarked,

"I couldn't do it!" Then Christopher Columbus handed the egg to the envious



Columbus proved to the group that anything is easy to do when someone else shows you how.

To the man who had spoken those jealous words out loud. "See if you can do it," challenged the great explorer. The man fumbled and finally had to admit that he didn't think it was possible to make the egg stand upright on the table.

"It is very simple to do," said Christopher Columbus as he gave the egg a gentle tap on the bottom and the shell cracked inwardly. Then the egg was standing upright and everyone laughed.

"It certainly was simple to do," admitted the envious man. "Anyone can do it now."

"Correct," replied Christopher Columbus. "Anyone can now make an egg stand upright on a table. And why? Because I showed them how to do it. It is very simple to do something when someone shows you how. But often difficult or impossible to do if you do not have someone to show you. Now it is simple to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Why? Because I showed the others how to do it."

All eyes were on the envious man and his face turned red. The great explorer had taught an envious man a lesson.

PUZZLES ABOUT IRELAND

Jumbled Sentence

Trouble with this sentence about Ireland is that it's in a muddle. Can you straighten it out?

Stone confer those it, famous said powers kiss Ireland's is on who to Blarney oratorical

Mix-Ups

Four Irish facts are in these strange lines, which need to have their letters moved around to locate them:

YELL IN ARK
DIL BUN
HORN RAN VINES
SELL REAM DIE

Irish Rebus

Find the four facts about Ireland that are concealed in this rebus. The words and pictures will help you:



Rupert's New Year Adventure—26



The porter pushes the crate out of the van and drags it into position at the far side of the platform. "Oh, this is very heavy for an empty cart!" he grins. "Per-haps, it's made of extra solid wood." Rupert creeps to the door of the van and then follows him in surprise.

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RECORD NEWS:

Sadie's Song Rated High Among Blues

THE bluest blue number on the turntables today is Rita Hayworth's "Sadie Thompson Song" (Mercury) from her latest movie.

If you're the type of collector who isn't satisfied with just one version of a hit tune — even if it's a Hayworth original — listen to the same number as sung by Damita Jo on an RCA-Victor label.

And music from the current Broadway extravaganza, "Kismet," should be popular for several months to come, since it's Borodin's best and has been carefully revised for the musical stage. The show-stopper, of course, is "Stranger in Paradise," but another number that is being given quite a whirl is "Baubles, Bangles and Beads." Among the top recordings are those by Georgia Gibbs (Mercury).

Peggy Lee (Decca) and Lu Ann Simms (Columbia).

Trying to tell which is Bing and which is Gary on the newest Crosby coupling of "Down by the Riverside" and "What a Little Moonlight Can Do" is no easy task. Young Bingle sounds very much like his Dad (Decca).

Old Man Crosby has lost none of his talent. Decca has put out an excellent album of song hits of Paris sung in French by Crosby in a "La Bing" envelope.

Hot instrumentals: Jerry Sharpe's "Trombone Boogie" on a Capitol single and eight extra-length piano improvisations on Columbia's "Erol" Garner album. Garner's good on all, but you'll like "Caravan" best.

Best revival of the week: "Last Night on the Back Porch" by Joel Grey, with excellent backing by Leroy Holmes' orchestra.

—WILLIAM D. LAFFLER.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

PRODNOSE: why do you boost your own book in this shameless way?

Myself: To get it asked for, of course; also in order that when the critics review my next book they may say, "Those who remember that prodigious love story 'The Heart of Marise Claverton' will open his latest book with quickening pulses."

By that time, nobody will bother to ask whether the first book ever existed.

Contravert: DEAR SIR, — The question now arises, which would be the ears of an elephant, or an elephant with the ears of a man? The man would suffer most. His heavy ears would give him a headache, and he would fall over them when he walked. In fact, they would almost cover him.

Yours truly,
Doris Routledge.

Twenty Years of Uproar
AT a performance of "Carmen" in Chicago the other day the leading tenor walked off the stage, shouting to the conductor: "Finish the opera yourself!" So Carmen had to die a natural death, as he was not there to stab her. The great Calve, who lived like an eagle

FOTTE will be there!

DART WORDS

OVER to CANADA today and your goal in DARTWORDS is to reach the goal by arranging the words in the circle in such a way that the relationship between any word and the one next to it is governed by one of six rules.

RULES
1. The word may be an anagram of the word that precedes it.
2. It may be a synonym of the word that precedes it.
3. It may be found by adding one letter to, or subtracting one from, or changing one letter in the preceding word.
4. It may be associated with the preceding word in a saying, simile, metaphor, or association of ideas.
5. It may form with the preceding word a name of a well-known person, place, or thing.
6. It may be associated with the preceding word in a title or other composition.

(Solution on Page 20)



Not that one of them has ever done anything to me, personally.

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN by Walter



JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Percentage Pays In Bridge Game

NORTH 23	
♠ J 6 3	
♥ 4 2	
♦ Q 4 3	
♣ Q 7 4	
WEST	
♠ 10 7 3 2	
♥ 10 5	
♦ K 7 6	
♣ 8 3 2	
EAST	
♠ K 9	
♥ Q J 9 7 3	
♦ 8 5	
♣ J 10 9 3	
SOUTH (D)	
♠ A 8 4	
♥ A K 6	
♦ A J 10 2	
♣ A K 6	
North-South vol.	
South	West
2 NT	Pass
3 NT	Pass
Opening lead—♠ 7	

By OSWALD JACOBY

"PLEASE settle an argument on the play of the accompanying hand," requests a Birmingham correspondent. "West opened the five of spades, and the question was whether declarer should play a low card or the jack from the dummy."

"When the hand was actually played, South put up dummy's jack of spades in the hope that West was leading from the king-queen. East covered with the king of spades, and South won at once with the ace."

"South then entered dummy with the queen of clubs to lead the nine of diamonds for a finesse. West won with the king of diamonds and ran the spades, defeating the contract."

"South said that he had made the right play, even though it had turned out badly. Is this correct?"

No, the percentage play is a low spade, not the jack.

South has nothing to worry about if the spades are 4-3, or if the king of diamonds happens to be in the East hand. South must guard against a five-card spade suit, with the king or diamonds in the West hand.

It is reasonable to assume that West would lead the king of spades if he had a suit headed by king-queen-ten (or even, perhaps, by king-queen-nine). The jack will win the first trick only if West has led from the K-Q-9-5 or K-Q-7-5 — only two cases.

Now let's see when the play of a low spade from dummy will succeed. Since we are guarding against five spades in the West hand, we must assume that East has only two spades.

If East has K-10, Q-10, K-9, or Q-9, he is compelled to play his lower card at the first trick on dummy's low card. (If he plays his honour, East will establish dummy's jack as a second spade stopper.) South can win with the ace of spades, and East will have a singleton picture card to block the suit.

There are four cases in which the suit blocks and only two cases in which the play of the jack will win. Hence the odds favour the play of a low spade from dummy at the first trick.

CARD SENSE

Q.—The bidding has been:
North: 1 Heart
East: 1 Spade
South: 2 Spades
West: 3 Spades

You, South, hold: Spades K-7-3-2, Hearts Q-9-2, Diamonds K-8-4, Clubs 9-2. What do you do?

A.—Bid four hearts. Your hand was too good for an anti-suit bid. You have a good heart suit, and you have a good club suit. Now you must show the heart suit to give your partner a choice of suits.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-7-3-2, Hearts Q-9-2, Diamonds K-8-4, Clubs 9-2. What do you do?

Answer on Monday

YOUR BIRTHDAY BY STELLA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

BORN today, you have hundreds of bright ideas which are bursting from your head in a continuous stream. You are devoted to the arts, especially music, drama and dancing, have a definite creative gift which should be developed from earliest childhood. You are fond of all the beautiful things of life and enjoy good food, fine clothes and real jewels. You of the fair sex have a flair for dressing well and will probably be leaders in high style. You are fond of travel and you men should select careers which will keep you continually on the move. You will never fit into a groove of monotonous routine and should not try.

There is a wide streak of obstinacy in your nature and you cannot be goaded into doing anything you don't want to do. You can be reached through your affections and under the guise of friendship when in actuality they are seeking your offices for their own advancement.

You have social aptitudes and are generally popular wherever you go. You have a loving disposition and should wed at an early age for you are happiest when surrounded by members of your own family. You always stand ready to help any worthy cause and all kinds of true philanthropy. One only needs to call upon you and you give both time and money.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — You might plan a round of calls this afternoon. Visit someone, perhaps, who is in the hospital.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — You can revive your spirits by attending the church or your choir. It can be truly inspirational.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — Don't attempt doing too much today for you need a change of scene for a complete change of mood.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — Your devotional duties should bring real happiness today and be a source of real spiritual uplift.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — The body needs rest, of course, but so does the mind, as well. Restore your nervous energy now.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Build up your energies so that you will be prepared to meet any emergency which may present itself.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Perhaps competitive, active sports rather than merely being a spectator will revitalize your energies.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Spiritual devotions can bring you a very real happiness just at this time. Relax tensions.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — After attendance at the church of your choice, spend the balance of the time in suitable recreation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Today relax tensions so that tomorrow you will be prepared to meet any challenge that is offered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) — An equal portion of real rest and active play will do you a world of good. Do something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) — Your friends may be a source of joy and happiness. Join some group with mutual interests.

BORN today, you may not have too easy a life and everything you achieve will be through your own hard work. You are not as careful as you should be to watch out for opportunities and often the "chance in a million" passes you by because you fail to see it in time — and someone else takes advantage of it before you have acted. Beware procrastination as the greatest hindrance to ultimate success in your life.

Fair and truthful in your dealings, you are extremely ambitious for success and sometimes you try just a little too hard. Learn to relax tensions at regular intervals and you will find that as a result you work better. You like to have something going on all the time, but are not always as selective of your activities as you should be. As a consequence, you tend to waste nervous energy on non-essentials. True, your interests are many but it may be that there is too wide a diversification for really effective action. Learn concentration in some definite objective early in youth and you will succeed earlier in life.

An early marriage to someone born under Taurus or Gemini might serve as a steady influence in your life. You are rather more dependent than some upon a happy emotional life and if you are contented in romance and marriage, you are more ready to divert your energies strenuously toward the business of your career or profession. A family gives you an incentive to settle down and make a success of your work.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) — This can be a rugged day at the office, so when evening comes plan to relax, socially.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — If your future hopes are taking shape, be sure you seek expert advice and then follow it explicitly.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — The aspects appear greatly in your favour and you may anticipate a real bit of good fortune.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) — There may be minor complications at home, but if you are diplomatic they will soon evaporate.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Be conservative today, and avoid extravagance. You may want that extra money more a little later on.

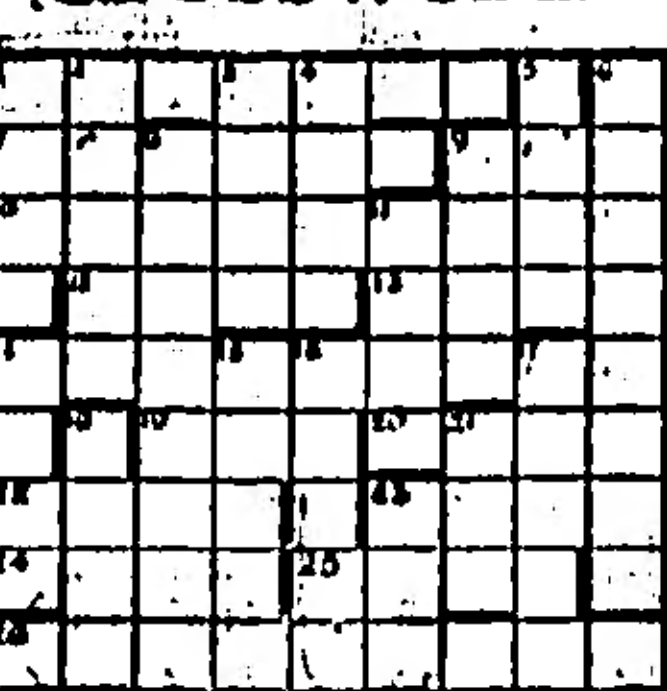
CANCER (June 22-July 23) — You will have a real challenge offered in your life. It may be to your talents and ability, but accept it.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — Your energy should be at peak right now and if there's important work to be done, start it promptly.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — Be cheerful, even if there is a heavy job to be finished. A happy attitude makes it seem less onerous.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Make no promises that you are

Crossword



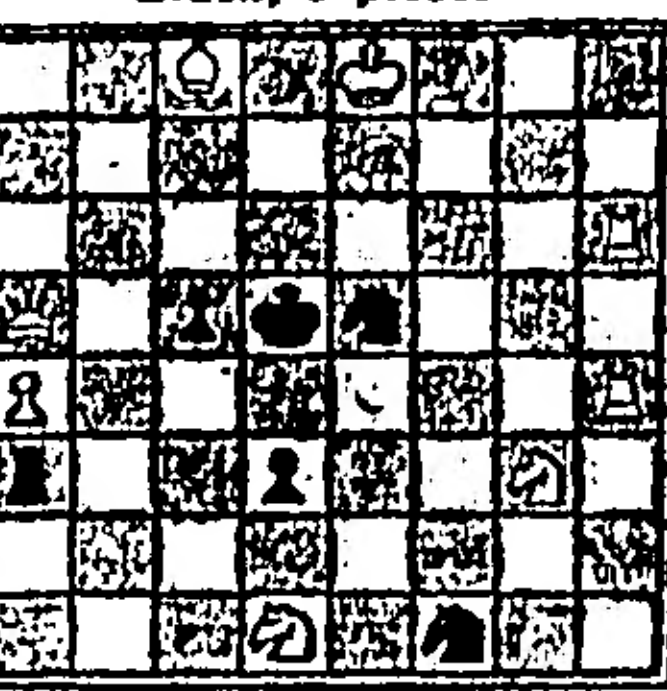
Across
1. Each are very painful. (7)
7. Mugginess of South. (10)
10. Bath, for instance. (3)
12. Does he write in Greek style? (10)
13. From it may, become your, though. (4)
14. One of our starts off like a Down. (4)
15. This kind of defender may have to do a lot of spadework. (4, 9)
16. Old school one is often highly praised. (3)
17. This kind of bird doesn't call the title. (4)
18. Mender in show, you've changed. (4)
19. So ultimate without the feeding boy. (4)
20. Sound like a spook. (4)
21. Ancient invaders. (4)
22. Fine error. (4)

Down
1. Impetuous — but no malignant spirit. (4)
2. Omar, a fortune. (5)
3. Run a river mixture. (4)
4. The rascal did, at least in the book. (4)
5. Church may come to an end here. (4)
6. Worn by young club members. (8)
7. Mr. Bana goes down to the altar. (8)
8. One a disorder. (4)
9. One of the things tough are as hard as. (4)
10. The ship goes on the slates. (4)
11. From the sand and find an hour-glass. (5)
12. I bid the capital. (5)
13. I disappear from the cruise. (5)
14. Follow this is very odd. (4)
15. Under in short. (4)
16. This downer is quite likely to be whicker. (5)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. LIVNE
Black, 6 pieces



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. Q-K6, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K: mates.

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

E. P. BRISTOLL

Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 20)

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1954.

"U.S. Cannot Use Force To Free People"

JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

Michael All Alone

MICHAEL was shown into the dock. "This is the boy that was disgruntled, isn't it?" asked the Clerkwell magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davies.

From the witness-box, the probation officer nodded. "That's right, sir, the disgruntled boy," he said.

Michael, a troubled, 10-year-old, looking much younger, glanced from witness-box to bench. "He broke into his father's gas-meter and stole £3 14s," the probation officer continued. "The money was recovered."

"Ah, yes," said the magistrate. Michael had been remanded in custody since his first appearance in court. The facts of the case were recalled.

TO LONDON
FROM them emerged enough about Michael to account, perhaps, for his gloom, for his appearing a little disgruntled. He was born in Ireland, one of a large family, so large, that they were more than his mother could manage. Michael spent most of his boyhood in bleak-sounding institutions.

When his education was over, Michael joined a dairy firm, where a brother already worked, and there he stayed until last February, when he decided he needed a change.

He set off for London, a small, sturdy, independent character, in search of adventure. Here, he quickly got a job in a gasworks. It gave him security of a sort, but security was not what he wanted. He wanted adventure, or, if not adventure, fun, for he never had much of that before.

THE FAIR
HE quit the gasworks, worked for a week at the Zoo, then found what seemed the perfect occupation—odd-job man with a fair.

All through the spring and summer, Michael toured with the fair, and when the season ended, he went with it to the East. End winter quarters at a maintenance man.

But now, with the fair people all gone, the blaring music silent, and the breathtaking rides only so many pieces of dead machinery needing attention, the glory the job had for Michael departed. He asked for his cards.

This time, he found it less easy to get a new job. In Christmas week, he pocketed his pride and went to visit his father, who now lived in London, too, to ask him to put him up. Michael had been out of work three weeks by then.

THE FATHER
HE was coolly received at his father's home, given a cup of tea, but told there was no room for him to stay in the flat. "But we're going out now," his father said. "You can stay here till we come back, if you like, have a bit of a sit-down."

Michael stayed, and while the flat was empty, rifled the gas-meter. He did not bother to run away.

"I think the theft was rather in the nature of 'paying out' his father," said the probation officer to the magistrate.

The magistrate asked Michael what he wanted to say. "Nothing I can say," came the answer.

"If you've got pride and self-respect, you'll take a job and stick at it even if it's not a pleasant one," the magistrate said. "First earn your living. After that you can talk about earning your fun."

He put Michael on probation.

DARTWORDS SOLUTION

CANADA — Maple — Ample — Simple — Pure — Chaste — Chase — Pursue — Pursue — Curse — Scotland — Yard — Arm — Aim — Maim — Main — Chance — Change — Barrier — Barker — Dog — Dig — Shovel — Pick — Snick — Spin — Spain — Castle — Elephant — White — White — Whale — Blubber — Leiber — Lead — Lead — Lead — Sharper — Sharpen — Whet — Wheat — Chaff — Trash — Brush — Press — Bole — Bole — Bole — BOTTLE.

'What's His Line?' Solution.
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NOT MORALLY OBLIGED SAYS OFFICIAL

Baltimore, Maryland, Jan. 22.

The United States could not use force to free peoples whose independence had been taken away from them, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs Mr. Walter S. Robertson said tonight.

Addressing the members of the Virginian Society, Mr. Robertson said that though the restoration of independence to those states which had lost it remained the constant concern of the United States, the American government could not consider itself morally obliged to liberate by force of arms all those peoples who had had their independence taken away from them.

"The American people, I am aware, have a gnawing feeling of dissatisfaction and frustration over the results of the Korean war. The attitude of many is that because we did not drive the Chinese Communists back into Manchuria and fully liberate Korea, we failed in our undertaking," he said.

"Obviously, it must be a matter of regret to all of us that Communist power was not driven back beyond the Yalu and Tumen rivers from whence it came into Korea as a foreign invader."

In addition to our concern for the Koreans still under Chinese Communist rule, we must recognize that the fact that the Chinese Communists were not expelled from the whole of Korea has made them look more formidable in some parts of the world. And this is not unfortunate, but ironical. For, among the nations with whom the Chinese Communists have, perhaps acquired this more imposing appearance, are those who were particularly unfavourable to a home trust against Communist China and whose views the United Nations Communist necessarily took into account.

Mr. Robertson said the United Nations' victory in Korea, conceived in the terms of the project, was a complete victory.

The danger of more such Communist attacks had been greatly reduced.

Dealing with the Korean prisoner issue, Mr. Robertson said that the United Nations had also won a victory on the principle that no Chinese or Korean prisoner should be forced to return to "the tyranny they abhorred."

GREAT OCCASION
He said that the freeing of 20,000 Chinese and Korean prisoners and civilians was a great occasion in the history of mankind. The Communists would, in future, have to take into account that their men might seek asylum with the other side, declared Mr. Robertson.

He said the present greatly diminished prospects of war would, in his opinion, be recognized by history as a great victory "for our side" — a victory achieved in Korea which should also be maintained through the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

He said that the Communists could now be expected to "strengthen themselves and weaken us" by means of their open war. They could be expected to back rebellions against local governments in the free world, just as they were doing now in Indo-China.

Warning against the temptation of thinking that the Communists were softening up, Mr. Robertson stated: "We are now entering a period of increasing rather than diminishing difficulty. It is up to us to destroy the illusion of inevitable Communist triumph. By so doing, we shall strike at the very heart of the monster."

Mr. Robertson said that the "expansion of the empire of Polking and Moscow must be stopped if we can demonstrate how infinitely more our way of life had to offer mankind." There would be, he said, a revolution everywhere against Communism and a convulsive break-up of the whole monolithic structure, — France-Press.

INFINITELY WEAKENED
The United Nations High Command thinks that Communist armies have been "infinitely weakened" now that their soldiers know that they can escape to the free world by becoming war prisoners, a highly placed source said today.

Two Tunisians were sentenced to death by a French military tribunal today for the murder of Colonel Nordberg, Danish, during anti-French rioting two years ago.

Another Tunisian was given a life sentence at hand labour as an accomplice, — United Press.

Accession To India Is Final

Calcutta, Jan. 22.
Kashmir's Premier Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed said here today that Kashmir's accession to India was "final and irrevocable."

He added that "Neither Pakistan, the United Nations nor any other power on earth could disrupt this alliance." He said but for the former Premier Sheikh Abdullah's arrest "our fate would have been worse than that of Korea," — France-Press.

USA Does Not Face A 1929-33 Slump — Says Colin Clark

New York, Jan. 22.
Mr. Colin Clark, the Australian-born Oxford economist who created a world stir two months ago by forecasting that the United States was at the brink of a business depression, said yesterday his estimates indicated "a fairly serious decline."

He did not show that a major economic slump would occur, he told a meeting of the National Industrial Conference Board.

Mr. Clark, one of the world's leading mathematical statisticians, had an audience of 1,000 business executives and economists who had filled two ballrooms of New York's Astor Hotel to hear him.

The present recession would differ from that of 1929-33 in that it would last a year and may last longer and in that the contraction of business activity would be sharper unless the government took proper action early enough, he said.

Mr. Clark, a former financial adviser to the Australian Treasury, is now Dean of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute at Oxford University.

FAITH SHAKEN
He said that construction costs in the United States were high relative to other costs. The big latent demand for housing in America that would be released when construction costs came down made a full scale slump in business activity "impossible," he observed.

"For this reason, particularly nothing like the 1929-33 collapse is to be feared now," Mr. Clark declared.

A renewal of the housing boom was one of the things that would break a deflationary chain reaction after recession had run its course through the price of their manufactures, and we fall to do so, the terms of trade may still be in our favour but the trade itself will be lost."

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Seven Bank Chiefs Warn: Intense Competition Ahead For British Exports

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The chairmen of the seven big banks have warned Britain this week that she should not be lulled into complacency by the improvement in her finances shown over the last year.

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NOT AS BRIGHT
Sir Eric Carpenter, of Williams Deacons Bank, said in his annual report: "In looking to the future, the prospect is not as bright as appears on the surface."

He pointed out last year's good export figures arose from orders received some time ago — and orders now are harder to get.

"We are entering an era of intense competition. The resurgence of Germany, Japan and other countries as exporters — taken in conjunction with the rigidity of our economic structure here, clogged and hampered as it is by excessive taxation — pose grave questions for us all," he said.

Chairman of the Midland Bank, Lord Harewood, said the recent efforts of the Government to liberalise the economy were "a striking act of faith" in view of the uncertainties of the balance of payments, insufficiency of productive investment and the rising trend of consumption.

But, he told his shareholders, it would not be justified unless Britain exports all the energy and resourcefulness that can be mustered in support of exports and competitive power.

Chairman of the District Bank Limited, Sir Thomas Barlow, a big North of England concern, said: "Trading conditions are in many ways exceedingly difficult and subject to incalculable change...there has been a tendency for some countries to buy from the United States rather than from us."

"No major group of our exports appears to be really strong enough to hold its own against external pressures."

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